

The CYRUS DOSSIER

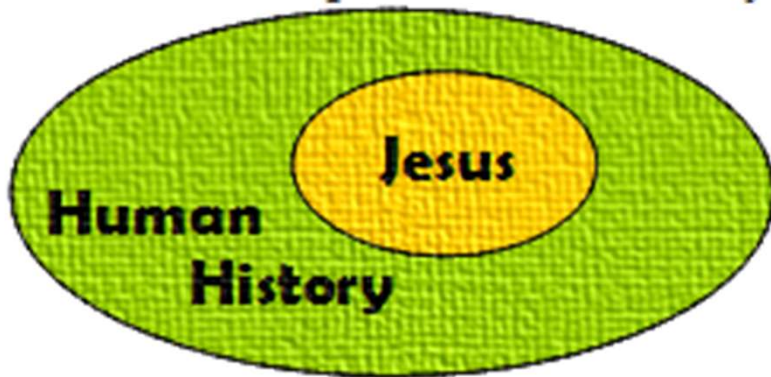
Where does Cyrus fit in
YOUR End-Time Scenario?

“THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY”

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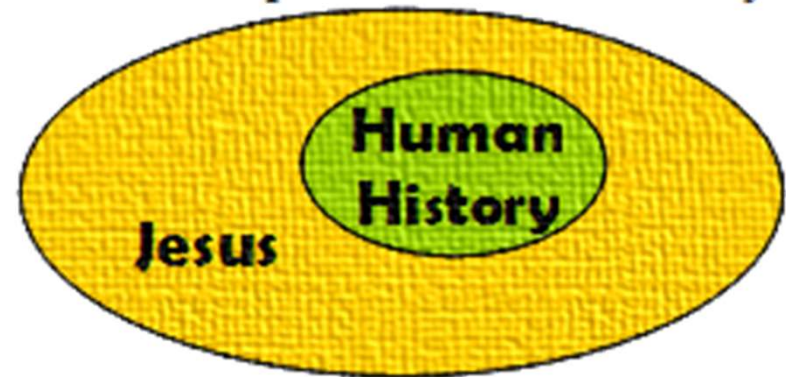
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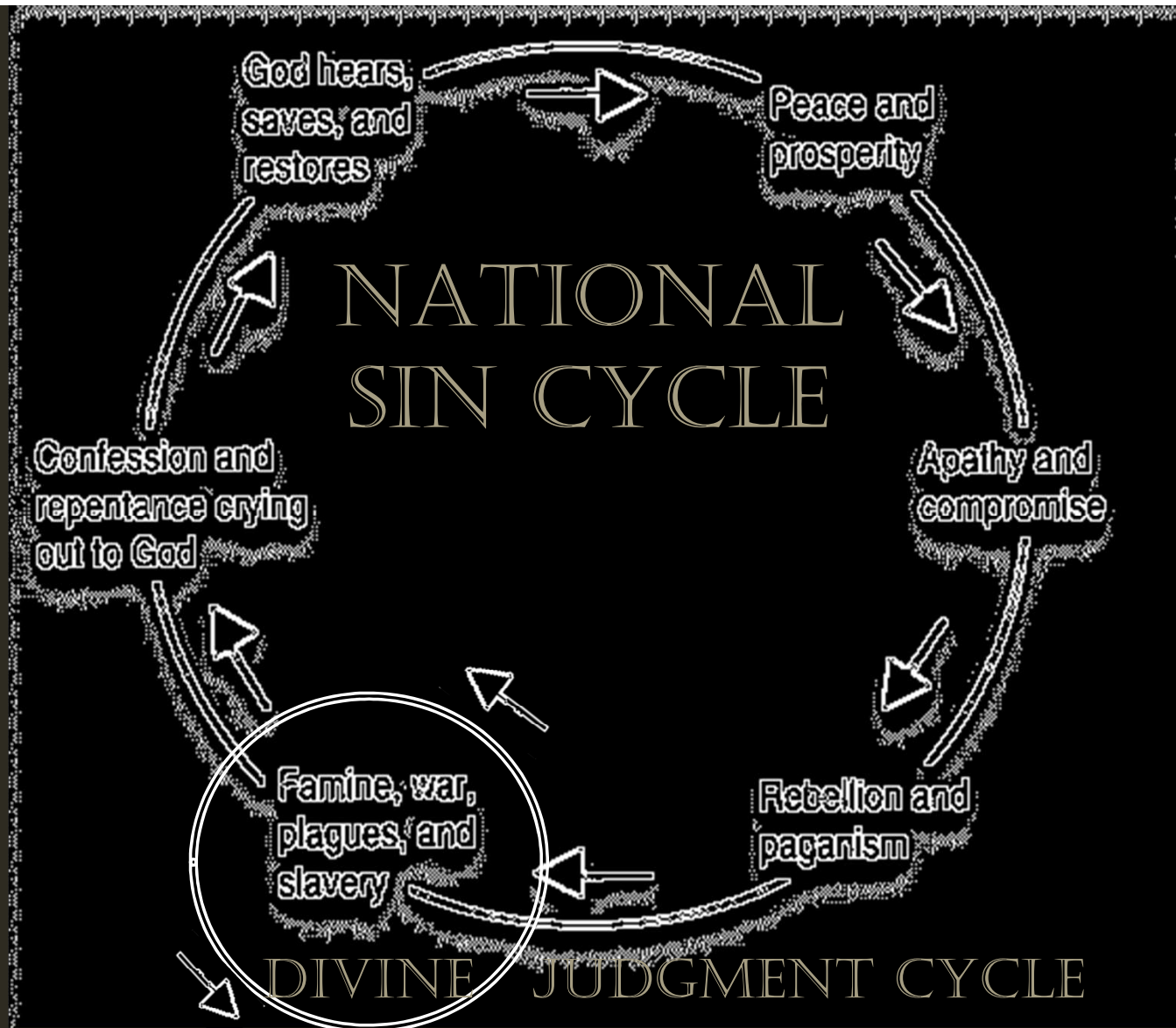
Jesus is a small part of human history.



Truth:

Jesus encompasses all human history.





PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

John 14:29 ...so that when it happens you might believe.

John 16:1 ...to keep you from falling away....
4 so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them

John 14:27 Let not your heart be troubled
- neither let it be afraid.

PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

Rev 1:1 A Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him **to show to His slaves** things which must occur quickly, ... 3 **Blessed** is the *one* reading,

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to happen, then look up and **lift up your heads**, for your redemption draws near

CORE CHRISTIANITY

Every Christian is “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Tit 2:13).

In fact, Paul after discussing the doctrine of Christ’s return, COMMANDS Christians, 1Th 5:20 “Despise not prophecies.” Rather, he commands “Comfort one another with these words.” (1Thess 4:18).

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It is clear that God **wants** to reveal these end-time issues to his followers. God told Daniel to “**seal the book UNTIL the time of the end**” (Dan 12:4), and promised that “**none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise SHALL understand**” (Dan 12:10). By the same token

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Hippolytus, an early Church father writing ca 200 AD, wisely observed: “These things, beloved, we impart to you with fear, and yet readily, on account of the love of Christ, which surpasses all. For if the blessed prophets who preceded us did not choose to proclaim these things, though they knew them, openly and boldly, lest they should disquiet the souls of men, but recounted them mystically in parables and dark sayings, speaking thus, "Here is the mind which hath wisdom," how much greater risk shall we run in venturing to declare openly things spoken by them in obscure terms! (*Treatise on Christ and Antichrist*, 29)

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It is as if we have been allowed access to a highly confidential debriefing regarding some very sensitive information.

As the apostle Paul says, (Eph 3:4) “**when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.**”

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Peter goes so far as to tell us even angels desire access to this information:

1Pet 1:10 ¶ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are NOW reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

BUT HOW?

How should prophecy be studied and applied? What hermeneutical principles can we develop from the Bible itself that can be applied to exegesis of prophetic scripture?

We will suggest **the life of Christ** as the exemplar for prophetic fulfillment

THE “CHRIST EXEMPLAR”

As a basis for further eschatological study, we will derive from the life of Christ four points of an [ultra] literal and [ultra] futurist hermeneutic as regards the following:

- 1) **Geography**
- 2) **Chronology**
- 3) **Details**
- 4) **Supernatural**

We suggest that the manner in which He fulfilled the prophecies of His first coming will be the manner in which He fulfils the prophecies of His second coming

GEOGRAPHICAL LITERALNESS

Christ's life fulfilled Messianic prophecies in geographic detail with absolute literalness. For example:

Matt 2:15 **And he was there until the death of Herod, in order that there might be fulfilled that which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt I called my Son.**** [quoting Hosea 11:1]

In fact, this fulfillment go so far as to “literalizes” an obviously symbolic passage, and “futurizes” an obviously fulfilled prophecy [Matt 2:6, 2:19, 4:15, Heb 13:11-13]

GEOGRAPHICAL LITERALNESS

These examples exclude schools of thought that would, for example, substitute 'Britain' and 'America' for any prophetic reference to "Israel" or "Ephraim" [as in British-Israelism], or substitute the 'Church' for every prophetic reference to "Zion" or "Jerusalem" [as in Covenant Theology].

Based on the example of Christ's life, we should be extremely cautious about substituting anything else for a specific geographic reference.

CHRONOLOGICAL LITERALISM

Christ not only fulfilled the symbolism and typology of the Hebrew Festivals, but the actual calendrical dates.

1) Mat 26:2 Ye know that after two days is the **Passover**, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. [cp. 1Cor 5:7]

2) John 7:37 In the last day, that great [day] of the **feast** [of Tabernacles], Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

3) Even the typology of **Pentecost** was fulfilled in the New Testament on the VERY DAY of Pentecost. [Act 2:1]

CHRONOLOGICAL FUTURISM

Both Christ and His apostles stress a concrete futurism in their exposition of prophecy.

For example, when **Christ** refers to Daniel's '**desolation of abomination**' [9:27 & 11:31] it is as a distinctly future event, in spite of His full awareness of the 'historical fulfillment' by Antiochus Epiphanes and the Maccabees.

CHRONOLOGICAL FUTURISM

The Apostle Paul similarly cites a passage in Isaiah referring to the destruction of “**the Assyrian**” [Isa 10:24-11:4] as a yet future event [2Thess 2:8], even though he is well aware of the ‘historical fulfillment’ by Sennacherib

Even the apostle John alludes to prophecies of Jeremiah and Isaiah as future events [cp Rev 18 with Isa 48 & Jer 51] that many assume to be ‘over and done with.’

CHRONOLOGICAL LITERALISM

The New Testament stresses the importance of the exactness of the timing with which Christ fulfilled prophecy as regarded

His birth [Gal 4:4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law],

His death; Rom 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly;

1Tim 2:6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all—the testimony that was given at just the right time], and even

His ascension [1Pet 1:11 trying to determine the time and setting to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow..

SUPERNATURAL LITERALISM



The strong rationalistic bent of our modern culture dislikes the supernatural and is uncomfortable with prophecies involving the supernatural. The tendency to allegorize and symbolize is nowhere more strongly manifested than in the exegesis of such passages. Apocalyptic imagery is thus dismissed as symbolic or 'spiritual' in nature . . .


SUPERNATURAL LITERALISM

And yet, the life of Christ again provides us with an exemplar of prophecies involving the supernatural fulfilled literally. How then can prophecies of the supernatural surrounding his 2nd coming be any less literal?

ESCHATOLOGICAL EXEGESIS

To proceed with the study of eschatological passages in Scripture, we will attempt to apply these principles of “**literalism**” and “**futurism**” with special attention and application to:

- 1) **Geography**
- 2) **Chronology**
- 3) **Details, and**
- 4) **Supernatural events**

	 TWO PREDICTIONS		WHAT HAPPENED
	BIBLE SAYS	REPLACEMENT VIEW	WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED
ISRAEL	Jeremiah 30:3 Literal Israel will Return to the Land of Israel	Literal-Israel was REPLACED by the Church 1932 (sample prediction in notes)	1948 Literal Israel Returned to the Land of Israel A LITERAL FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY
JERUSALEM	Matthew 24:15-16 Literal 'Old City' Jerusalem Will Return to the Control of Israel	Literal-Jerusalem was REPLACED by the New Jerusalem (the Church) 1825 (sample prediction in notes)	1967 Literal 'Old City' Jerusalem Returned to the Control of Israel A LITERAL FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY
BABYLON	Revelation 18:10, 21 Literal Babylon Will Rise Again at the End Time	Literal-Babylon to be REPLACED by Symbolic Babylon — a city or nation or System— 1825 & 1870 (sample predictions in notes)	NOT YET —will the City of Babylon be Rome, New York, Spiritual System, etc.? OR A LITERAL FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY

BABYLON'S FINAL FALL

BIBLE SAYS	LITERAL PROPHECY	LITERAL FULFILLMENT?
THE FINAL FALL will be "SUDDENLY & VIOLENTLY"	...utterly destroy her, Let nothing be left [of] her." (Jer 50:26; 51:26; Isa 13:19)	NOT YET-- The Persians took Babylon without a fight & without destruction.
AFTER THE FINAL FALL there will never again be any "INHABITANTS"	It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; (Isa 13:20)	NOT YET-- For 2570 years the city has never been without some degree of habitation.
AFTER THE FINAL FALL there will never again be "ARAB" dwellers	Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there... (Isa 13:20)	NOT YET-- Arab villages have been documented at Babylon since the Middle Ages.
AFTER THE FINAL FALL the "STONES" will never again be used	they will not take from you even a stone for a corner...for foundations... (Jer 51:26)	NOT YET-- Babylon's ancient stones have been reused for centuries.
AFTER THE FINAL FALL there will never again be any "PASSERS-BY"	Her cities [and] land ... through which no son of man passes. Jer 51:43	NOT YET Generations of archaeologists, explorers & travelers continue to visit Babylon
AFTER THE FINAL FALL there will never again be any "SHEPHERDS"	Nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. Isa 13:20	NOT YET Shepherds & their sheep have been documented in Babylon
AFTER THE FINAL FALL Babylon will be "DESOLATE" Forever	<i>But you will be desolate forever," declares the LORD... .. Jer 51:26,</i>	NOT YET Trees gardens & groves have flourished at Babylon
THE FINAL FALL will occur in the "DAY OF THE LORD"	...the day of the Lord is near... And Babylon... Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. Isa 13	NOT YET-- The Day of the Lord is a future event at the time of the Great Tribulation.

tie a stone to
it and throw
it into the
middle of the
Euphrates,
and say,

For I have lowered this
" 'Just so
shall Babylon
sink down
and not rise
again.'"
Jeremiah 51:63-64

And a strong
angel took up
a .. great
millstone and
threw it into
the sea,
saying,

"Thus will
Babylon ...be
thrown down
... and will not
be found any
longer."
Rev.18:20-24

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...on October 13, 539...the troops of
Cyrus entered Babylon without
battle...Babylon was well treated by
Cyrus...on October 29 Cyrus himself
entered Babylon. Branches were
spread in his path, and he
proclaimed peace to everyone in
the city."

"Founder Cyrus." A. T. Olmstead. History of the Persian Empire.
Chicago. The University of Chicago Press. Phoenix Books. 1948,
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The
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The
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**“Nor will the Arab
pitch his tent there”**

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What
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**“Arab-occupied sites within
the ancient city”**

Babylon's Final Fall In the Day of the Lord

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What
Happened

The Day Of
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not yet come



THE BABYLONIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

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There was a group of Jews who never left Babylonia after the Babylonian Exile in the 6th century BCE. This community more or less thrived. Living since 129 BCE under Parthian rule, a loosely knit semi-feudal state, it was able to develop its autonomous institutions with little interference from the royal government. The Parthians who always feared Roman intervention welcomed Jewish opposition to Rome, at least until the time of Hadrian.

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--- The Parthians established a Jewish liaison between the government and the Jewish community, the exilarch, who thus became the head of Babylonian Jewry. Descended allegedly from the House of David, proud of their genealogical purity, the exilarchs wore the *kamara*, the sash of office of the Parthian court, and disputed precedence with high Parthian officials.

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The community which they headed was both numerous (estimates of its number vary from 800,000 to 1,200,000) and well-based economically, comprising a fair number of farmers and many traders who grew rich as intermediaries in the profitable silk trade between China and the Roman Empire passing through Babylonia.

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Conditions in Babylonia changed with the arrival in 219 CE at Nehardea of Abba Aricha (Rav), one of the pupils of [Judah HaNasi](#). He arrived at Nehardea with a copy of the new best-seller, the [Mishnah](#). Samuel, the son of Abba b. Abba, a rich silk merchant, was the leading sage at Nehardea. Samuel had established excellent relations with King Shapur I; it was due to him that the rule that civil law has the force of religious law became the guiding light for the Babylonian Jewish community.

THE BABYLONIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

With the crises facing the Jewish community in the third and fourth centuries CE, the Babylonians, who were always proud of their descent, now began to insist also on their superiority in learning and in Jewish authority. During the reign of Constantine, the Nasi, Hillel II, made this easy for them. He made the rules of the calendar public, thus cutting the one remaining authoritative tie which Israel had over Babylonia. The outcome was that the legal academies in **Babylonia from the 4th-6th centuries became the Jewish authoritative centers of the Jewish world.**

ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA:

TALMUD & MIDDLE PERSIAN CULTURE

For nearly the entire *amoraic* period (220–500 C.E.), Babylonia was ruled by the Sasanian dynasty (224–651 C.E.) Late third-century R. Huna put it, the Babylonian "exiles" were at ease in Babylonia, as the other exiles – those in the Roman world – were not (*Men.* 110a). Mesopotamia was both the breadbasket of the Empire and the province most vulnerable to Roman invasion

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Jews, unlike the Christians who could become a fifth column once Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire in 317, **would support the regime if they were satisfied**. Indeed, Mesopotamia was so important that the capital was at Ctesiphon, right across the River Tigris from Babylonia. **The Jews were thus a bulwark of the Empire** – if they were kept satisfied and politically quiescent. As a result, the Sasanians resisted pressure from the Zoroastrian Church to persecute these minorities.

CYRUS, LITERALLY

DETAILED LITERALISM

Again, Christ's life manifests how literally He fulfilled prophecies of His 1st coming in its attention to detail, without any tendency to symbolize or allegorize

OT Prophecy	NT Fulfillment	Christ literally . . .
<u>Psa 78:2</u>	<u>Mat 13:35</u>	Teaches in Parables
<u>Isa 53:1</u>	<u>Jhn 12:37</u>	Was disbelieved by those who witnessed His miracles
<u>Zec 9:9</u>	<u>Mat 21:5</u>	Rides into Jerusalem on a colt
<u>Psa 41:9</u>	<u>Jhn 13:18</u>	Was betrayed by one who shared His bread
<u>Psa 22:18</u>	<u>Jhn 19:24</u>	Had his clothing gambled for
<u>Isa 53:12</u>	<u>Mar 15:28</u>	And physically was placed between 2 criminals
<u>Psa 69:21</u>	<u>Jhn 19:29</u>	Was given vinegar for His thirst

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

JEREMIAH 25:⁹ Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, **My servant**, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

JEREMIAH 27:6 So now I have placed all these lands under the authority of **My servant** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. I have even made the beasts of the field subject to him. **7** All nations will serve him and his son and grandson, ...**8** As for the nation or kingdom that does not serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and does not place its neck under his yoke, I will punish that nation by sword and famine and plague, declares the LORD, until I have destroyed it by his hand.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

JEREMIAH 43:¹⁰ And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, **My servant**, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

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NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Ezekiel 29:19 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: '**I will give** the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who will carry off its wealth, seize its spoil, and remove its plunder. This will be the wages for his army.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Daniel 2:46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. **47** The king said to Daniel, “Your God is truly the God of gods and Lord of kings, a revealer of mysteries, since you were able to reveal this mystery.”

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Daniel 4:34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”

³⁶ At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

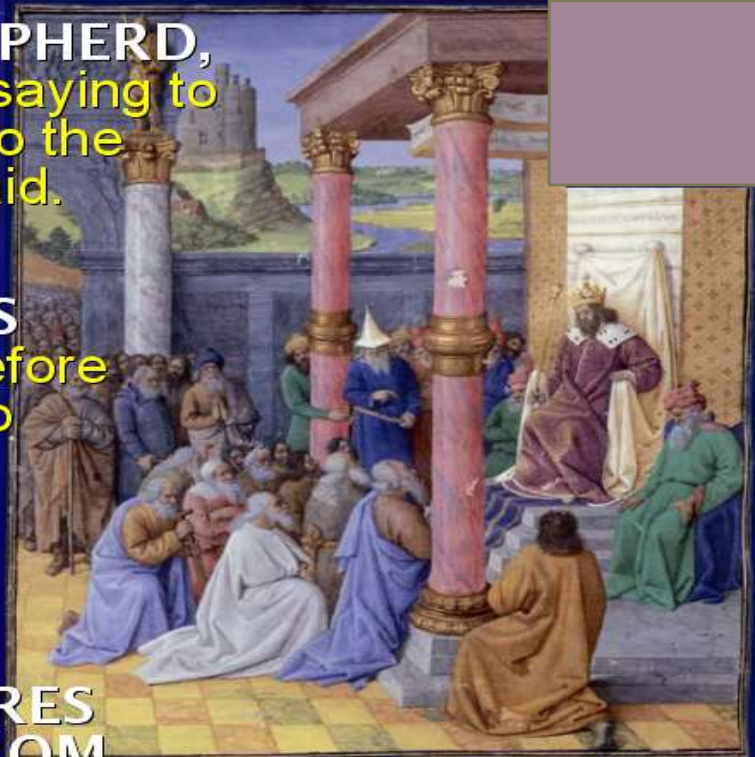
KING CYRUS OF PERSIA (IRAN)

- God says of Cyrus, **HE IS MY SHEPHERD**, and shall do all My pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the Temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

ISA 44:28 MKJV

- 1 The **LORD** says this to **CYRUS, HIS ANOINTED**...to subdue nations before him, to unloose the loins of kings, to open the doors before him and the gates will not be shut:
- 2 I will go before you and level the uneven places...
- 3-4 **I WILL GIVE YOU THE TREASURES OF DARKNESS AND RICHES FROM SECRET PLACES**, so that you may know that I, the **LORD**, the God of Israel... because of Jacob My servant and Israel My chosen one. I give a name to you...

ISA 45:1-4 HCSB



Cyrus the Great liberated the Jews from the Babylonian captivity to resettle and rebuild Jerusalem, earning him an honored place in Judaism.
Source: **WIKIPEDIA**



THE COMING CYRUS

Isaiah's prophecy regarding Cyrus are spread thru-out chapter's 41 thru 48, much of which has a yet-future context:

45:17 *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. . . . 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. [cp. Rom 11:26] ... 46:13 (AV) I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory... 48:20 (AV) Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans [cp. Rev 18:4]

“Cyrus II” will be a significant departure from the current radical Islamic theocracy

Based on these prophecies and the precedent of the historic Cyrus, he will be a man garnering great respect and influence among the nations of the Middle East . He will be looked upon in a “messianic” way [Isa 45:1] by Muslims, yet be favorable towards Israel, even coordinating an international effort to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem [Isa 60:6-7]. **That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying ... of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’ [Isa 44:28]** His influence will be mostly political, diplomatic and economic.



THE END-TIME POLITICAL DIVISIONS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

**The international
borders of the
present nations in
the Middle East are
to be redefined, at
the impetus of
IRAN**

THE NEW CYRUS

Cyrus will encourage the desire of people who are presently intermixed within these geographical regions to return to their own people. "They shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land" (Jeremiah 50:16). These are the "mingled people" of Jeremiah 50:37. As in the time of Cyrus the Great of Persia, people will start to develop their own national and racial identities separated from others.

THE NEW CYRUS

The trend will be initiated among the different peoples who are now intermingled with others (like in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia, or in Turkey with the Kurds, etc.) to begin a separation process from those who differ from them. They will coalesce into distinct groups that are ethnically, socially and religiously similar

“BALKANIZING” THE MIDDLE EAST

Balkanization will provide the model for the Middle East. By allowing smaller and more numerous divisions than those created by the Western Powers after WW2, Iran will encourage more organic state-formation that will actually decrease border tensions and “ethnic cleansing”.

The Former Yugoslavia



RISE OF THE CITY-STATE

Consistent with this, Scripture also indicates a trend toward even smaller geopolitical units – **Mini-States** or **City-States** – that will encourage co-operation and interdependence, rather than larger military states. The Middle East will become a model of regional peace and prosperity under this influence and guidance.

Perhaps the best modern example in the region is **Dubai**, which depends on banking and commerce for economic success, rather than oil.

THE RETURN OF THE KINGS

Out of these many nations, Cyrus will forge a Middle East confederacy that will stretch from Turkey to Afghanistan

At the same time, hereditary monarchies will be recognized and encouraged as more stable than military dictatorships, theocracies, or multi-party coalition governments

In fact, the Bible refers to many of the governments of these **mini-states** as local “kings” – usually answerable to a higher-ranking regional king

PROPHESED CITY-STATES:

Damascus [**Isa 17, Jer 49, Amos 1, Zech 9**]

Tyre [**Isa 23, Ezek 27, Amos 1, Zech 9**]

Nineveh [**Nahum, Zeph 2**]

Babylon [**Isa 14, Rev 18**]

Jerusalem [**Isa 29, Zech 12**]

Prophesied Mini-States:

Edom, Moab, Ammon [**Isa 34, Jer 49, Ezek 25**]

Judah & Ephraim [**Amos 2, Zech 10**]

Philistia, i.e. Palestine [**Isa 14, Jer 25**]

KEY TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE

The success of these efforts will hinge on the status of Jerusalem and Palestinian autonomy. Some students of prophecy have denied the right, or even the possibility, for a state of Palestine to exist, yet this is precisely what Scripture demands. Similarly, the 'eternal' status of Jerusalem as the capital of the state of Israel is often seen as non-negotiable, but **Zech 12:6-7** indicates a separate political identity and destiny for the new **city-state**.



INTERNATIONAL JERUSALEM

The current state of Israel may be induced to let Jerusalem be internationalized and Palestine become a separate state in exchange for the right to offer sacrifices on the 'Temple Mount'

This might only be considered 'worth it' secondary to a religious revival amongst now-secular Israelis, perhaps brought about by some miraculous manifestation

The same occurrence might encourage the region to back Cyrus' plan to **help** the Israelis rebuild the sanctuary in a newly internationalized city:

INTERNATIONAL JERUSALEM

Isa 45:13 I have raised him [Cyrus] up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build **My City**, . . . 14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of **Egypt**, and merchandise of **Ethiopia** and of the **Sabeans**, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee;

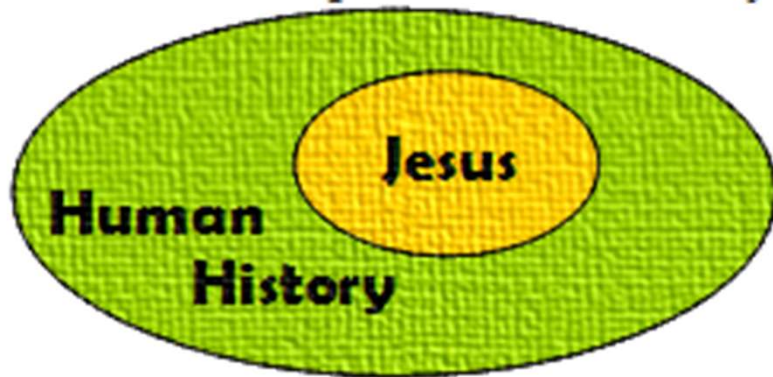
Isa 60:5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. . . . :7 All the flocks of **Kedar** shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of **Nebaioth** shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify **the House of My Glory**.

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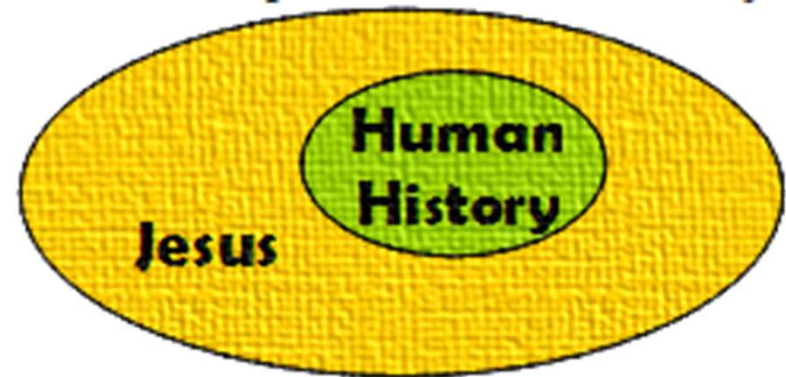
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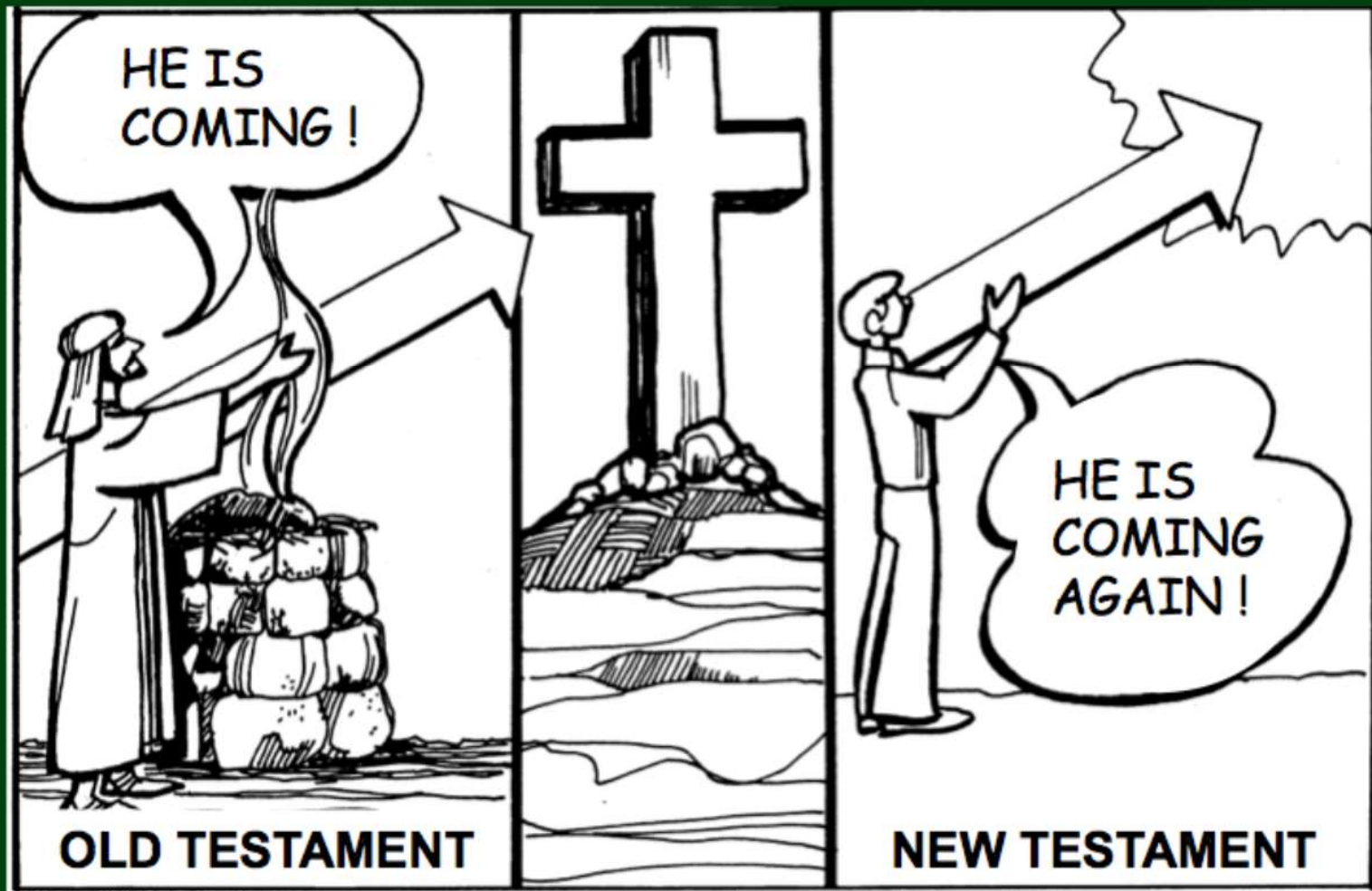
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Focus: The Return of Christ

Terry Hall, *Bible Panorama*, 140



ST. IRENAEUS

Disciple of Polycarp, the disciple of the Apostle John

If, however, any shall endeavor to allegorize [prophecies] of this kind, they shall not be found consistent with themselves in all points, and shall be confuted by the teaching of the very expressions [in question].

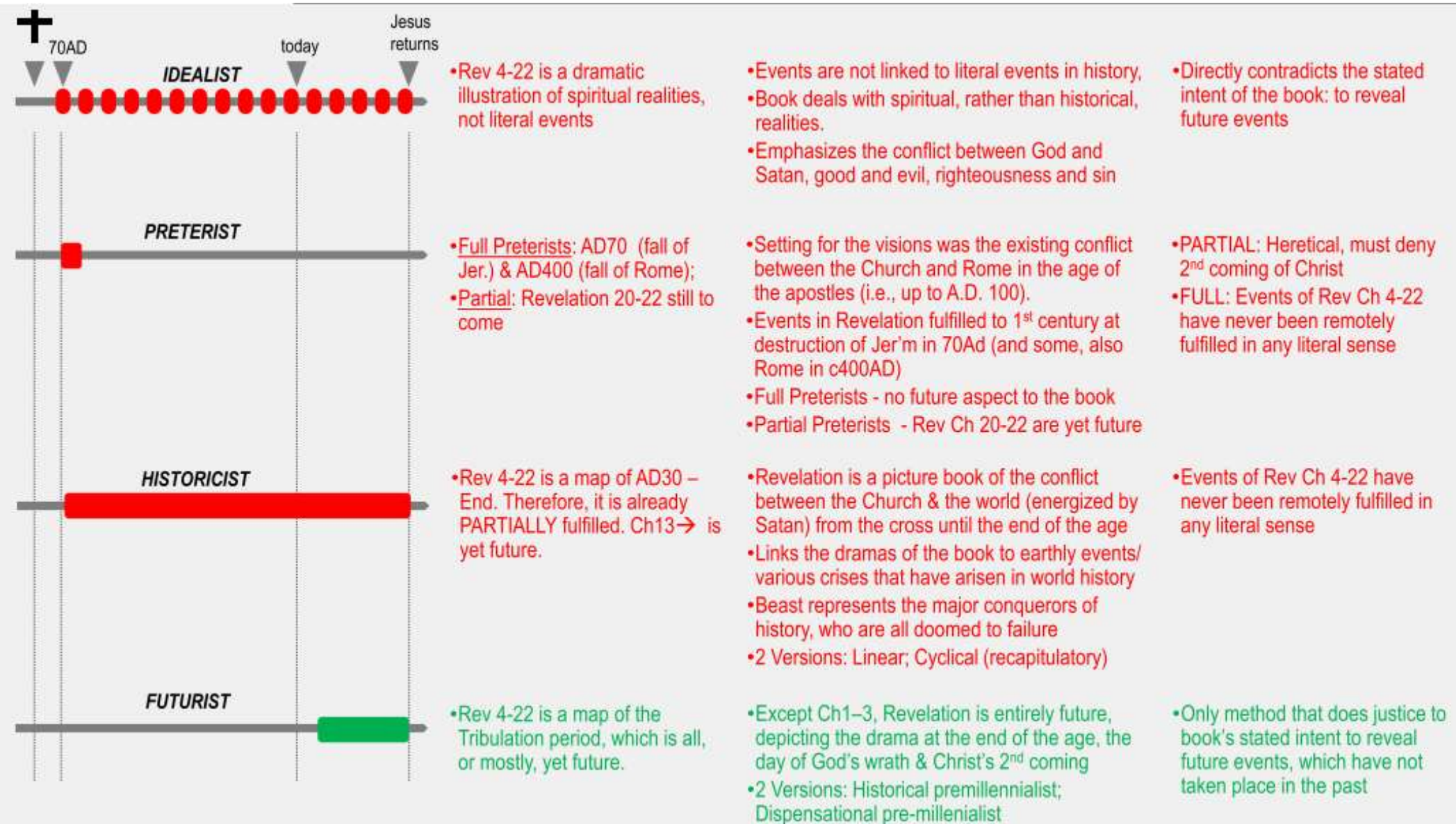
Against Heresies 5.35.1 [AD 180]

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“These are all literal things, and Christians who allegorize them are immature Christians.”

Against Heresies 5.35.1 [AD 180]



THE PROPHESED STATE OF PALESTINE

The “King James” version uses **Palestine, Palestina, and Philistia** interchangeably {**Ex 15:14, Psa 60:8, Joel 3:4**}. Palestine is simply a Latinized way of referring to the “land of the Philistines,” or the modern “Gaza Strip” area. Among others, the traditions of the Berbers (who live from Libya to Morocco) relate that they are descendants of Philistines who once lived in Palestine.



THE EARLY ISRAELITES REJECTED THE PHILISTINE AREA FOR CONQUEST

Israel allowed the Philistines to stay in the area in a permanent way, so God reckoned it as a legal area for the political existence of the Philistines (Judges 2:21-23). Philistia was NOT part of Israel.



THE PHILISTINES WILL RETURN TO STATEHOOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Philistines are mentioned prominently in prophetic contexts dealing with the **Day of the Lord**.

In **Psalms 83**, in particular, the Philistines are reckoned as being one of ten nations that design an attack on the land of Israel and to destroy the people of Israel from being a nation.

THE FUTURE OF THE KINGS

There has been much speculation as to the identity of these 10 kings, even though they have been clearly listed in scripture.



PSALM 83

The Psalm describes a set of circumstances that never arose during Asaph's lifetime, or indeed at anytime in the history of the kingdom of Israel. It is a prophetic Psalm that could only be fulfilled **after 1948**, when a state with the official name of "Israel" re-appeared on the world scene.

We have here a prime prophecy revealing who the ten nations of Daniel and Revelation; Among them we find the Philistines (v.7).

PSALM 83

3. Against thy people, they craftily devise a secret plot, And conspire against thy treasured ones. 4. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that **the name of Israel** may be no more in remembrance. 5. For they have taken counsel together with one consent: they have made a confederacy against thee; 6. Tents of

1) **Edom**, and 2) **Ishmaelites**, 3) **Moab**, and the 4) **Hagarenes**, 7. 5) **Gebal**, and 6) **Ammon**, and 7) **Amalek**, 8) **Philistia** with inhabitants of 9) **Tyre**, 8. Even 10) **Assyria** hath joined herself ...



Daniel affirmed:
"He [the Antichrist] shall enter also into the glorious land [Israel], and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon*" (Daniel 11:41).

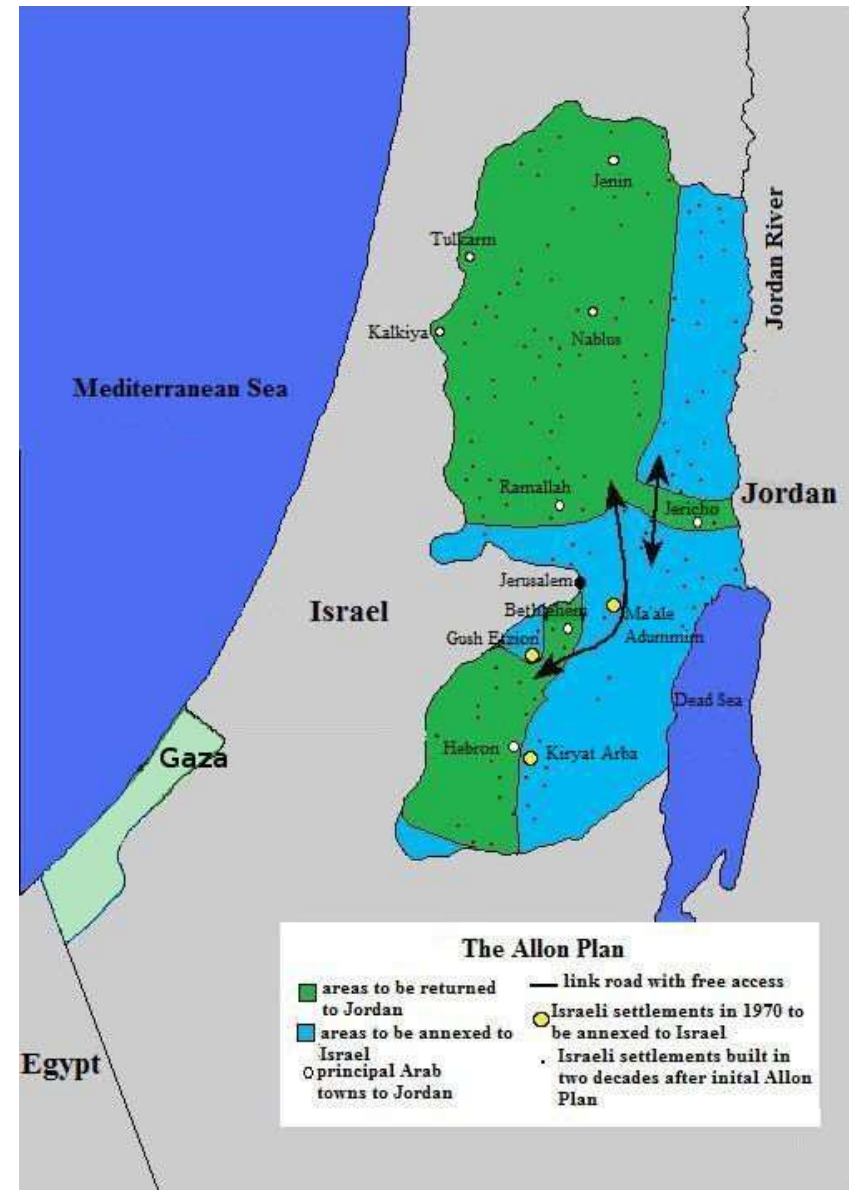
These national states must be in existence at the time of this conquest by the Antichrist



May 1, 2001

DEFENSIVE SHIELD (BUFFER ZONE)

This is the modified "forced peace" plan that I believe Israel will force on the Palestinians if they do not eventually negotiate a "false peace." It is the "forced peace" I have been presenting since Prophecy Update Number 1 in 2001. It is a modified version of the Buffer Plan first out by Yigal Allon in 1968. It is not as much as the Palestinians want, but if they do not begin to negotiate in the near future, it may well be all that they receive. When they did not accept the offer of Ehud Barak at Camp David they made a great error. The longer they stay away from the negotiating table the less they will receive.



- Mudar Zahran, Sec Gen of the Jordan Opposition Coalition, and I have been promoting the Jordan Option for ten years now, which is premised on the belief that both Abbas and King Abdullah will never accept a plan acceptable to Israel. Thus, I argued that Abbas and the PA must be marginalized and Abdullah must abdicate and be replaced by Mudar Zahran, a Palestinian, as leader. With the election of Pres Trump we went into high gear.
- The Jordan Option is a two-state solution in which Jordan is the Palestinian State and Israel the Jewish state with the Jordan River the border separating them. All Palestinians will be given Jordanian citizenship and be invited to emigrate to Jordan. According to this plan, the PA will wither away and Jordan will replace it as administrator of Area A in Israel
- The Palestinians in Judea and Samaria will then have choices: confront or cooperate; and the PA or Jordan. They will openly resist the PA, which is becoming irrelevant. Hamas will try to take over, but they will be roundly defeated. Within about two years, Jordan will replace the PA as the administrator of Area A as defined by the Oslo Accords. https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2019/04/trumps_deal_of_the_century_and_jordan_as_the_palestinian_state.html



DANIEL 2,3 & 4

It's Simple

- A picture book, not a puzzle book.
- For children also.



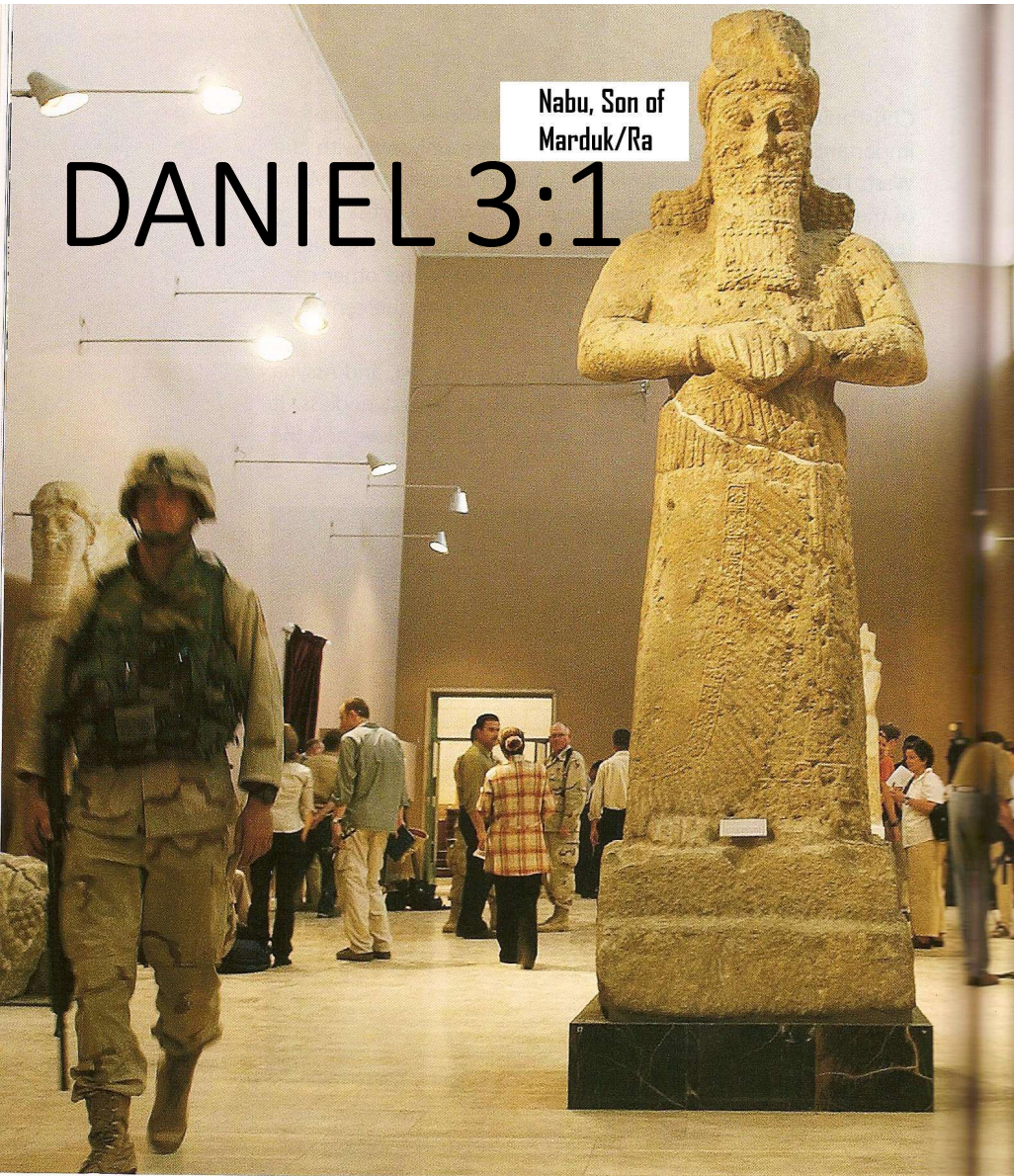
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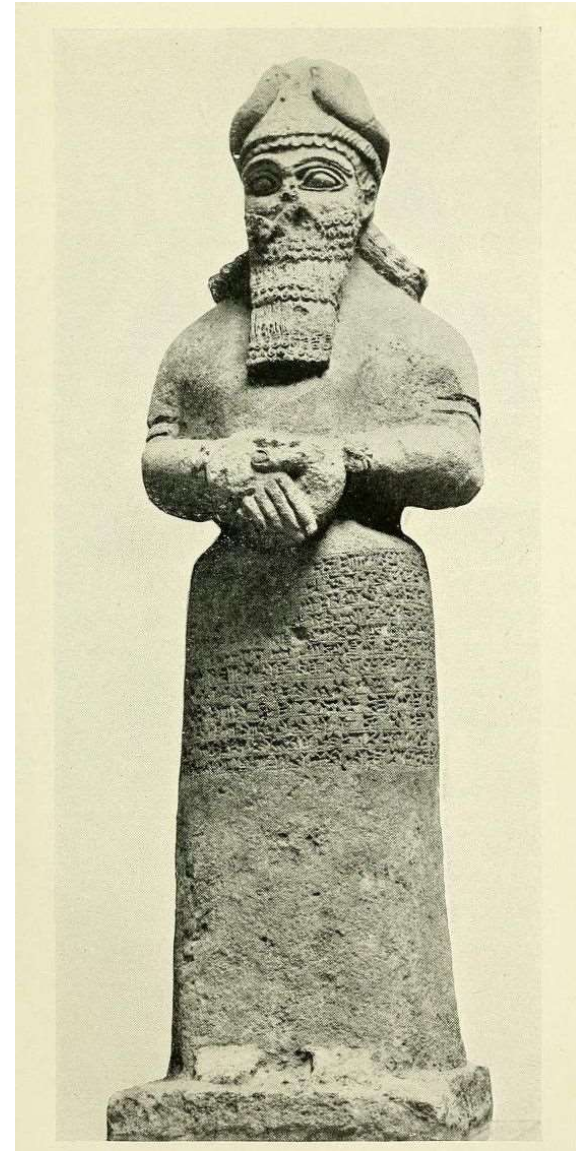
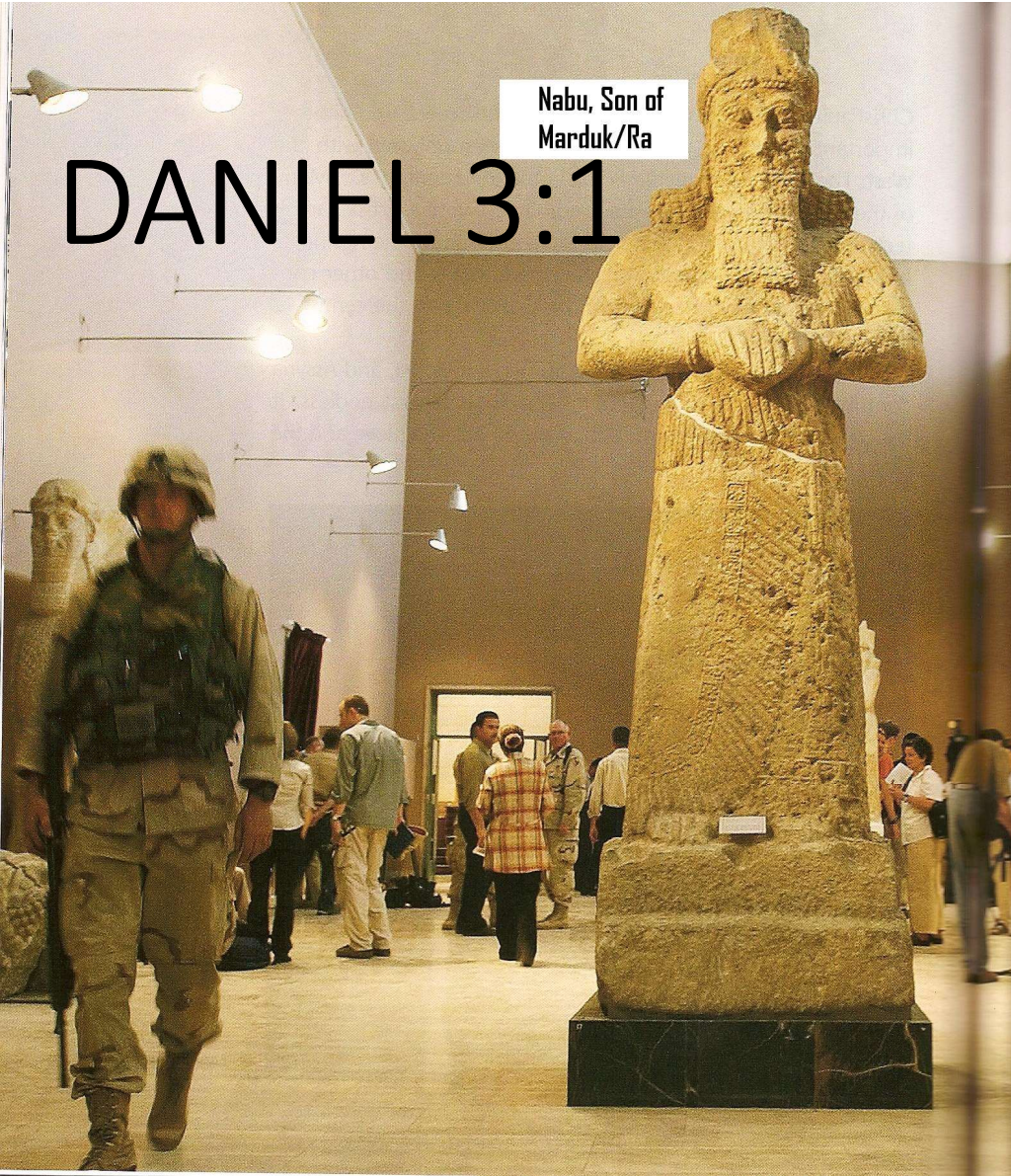
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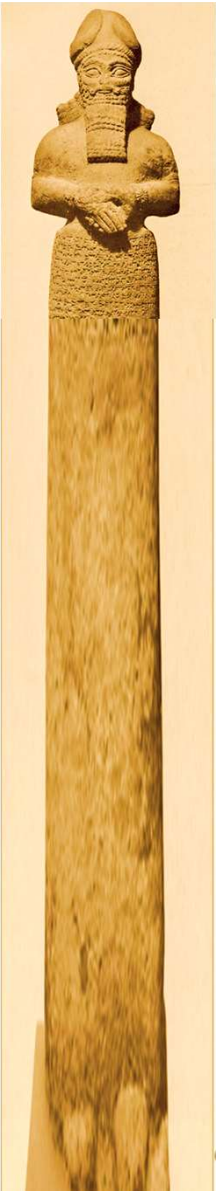


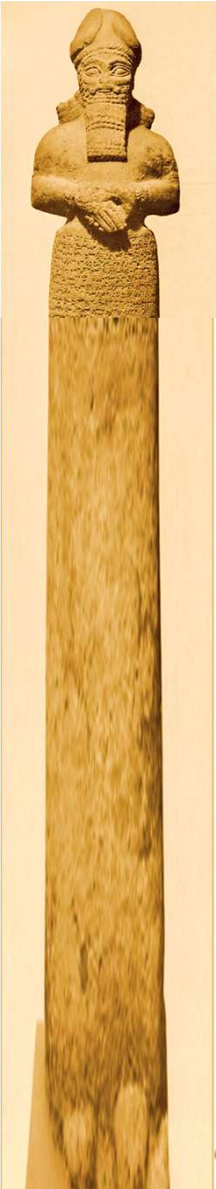
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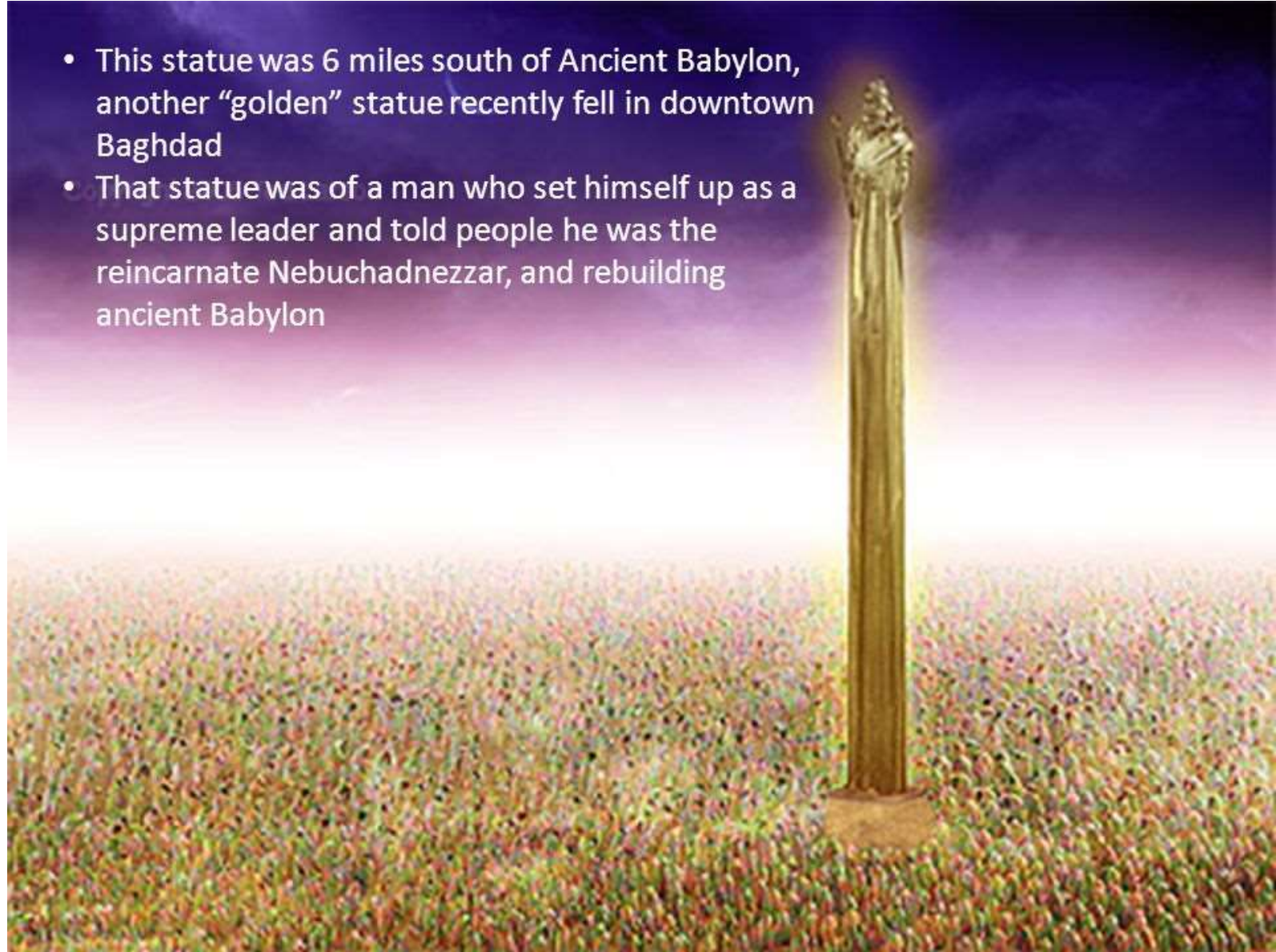


- **Diodorus**, lib. 2. § 9, giving an account of the plunder Xerxes had taken out of the *temple of Belus*, mentions an image of massy gold that was **forty feet high**, which Prideaux conjectures to have been this statue made by Nebuchadnezzar





- This statue was 6 miles south of Ancient Babylon, another “golden” statue recently fell in downtown Baghdad
- That statue was of a man who set himself up as a supreme leader and told people he was the reincarnate Nebuchadnezzar, and rebuilding ancient Babylon

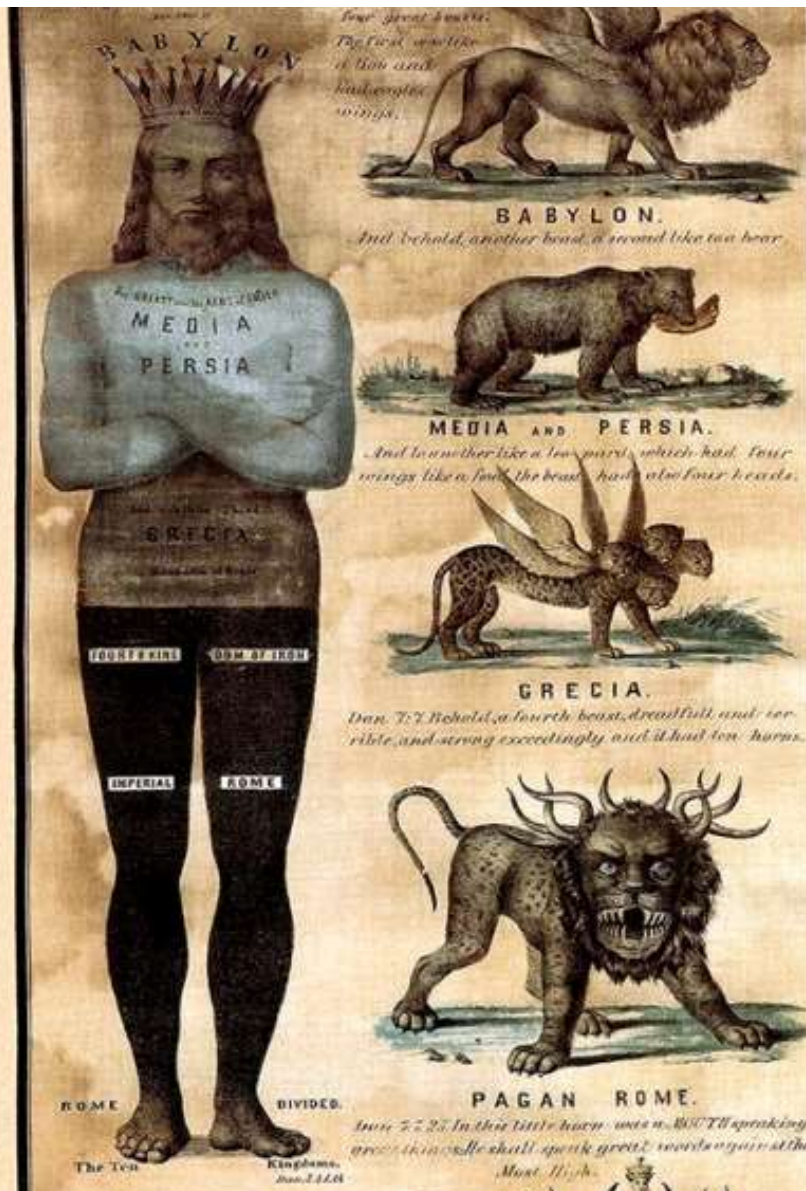


DANIEL 2









NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM.

Daniel 2nd chapter

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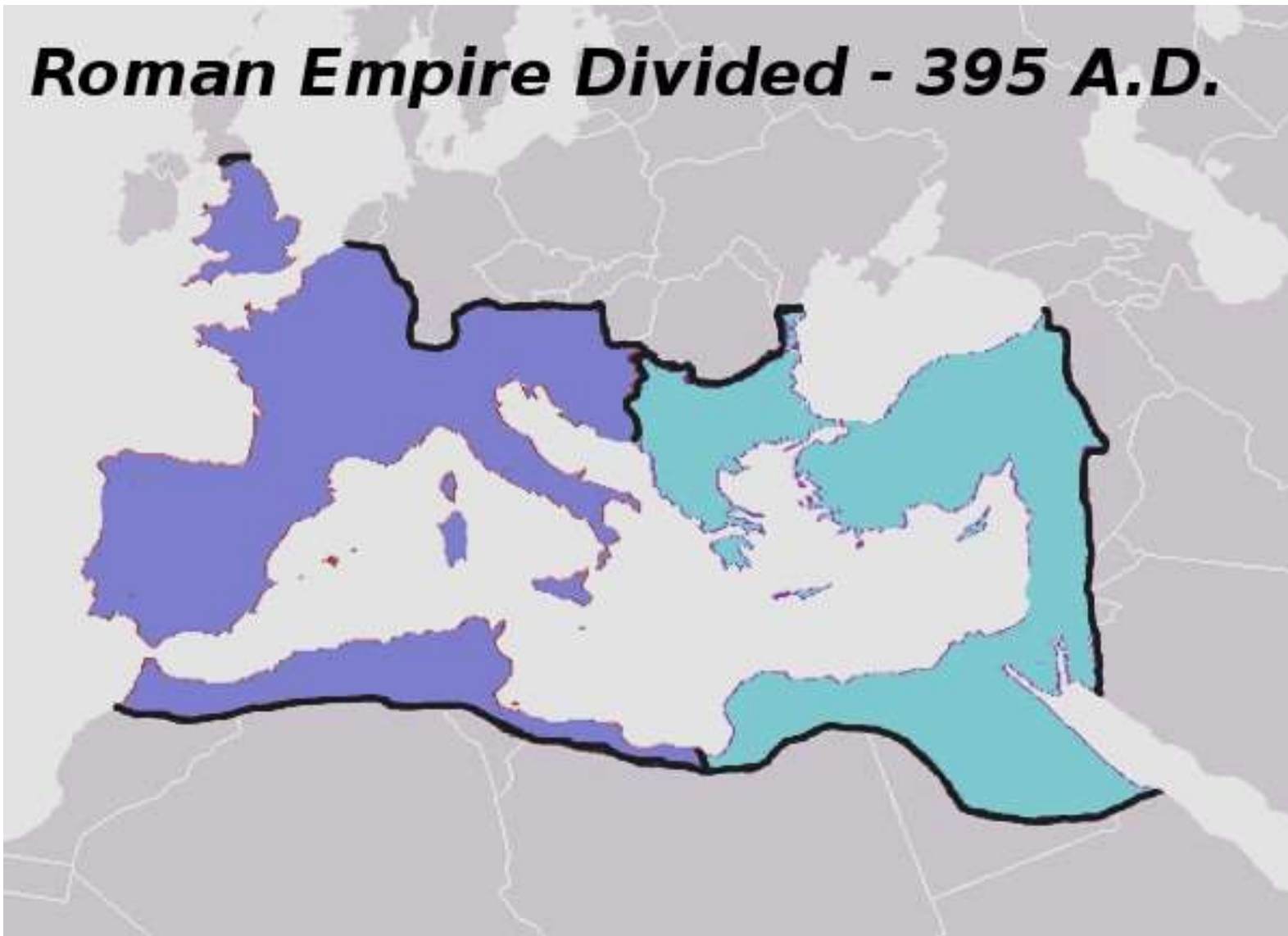
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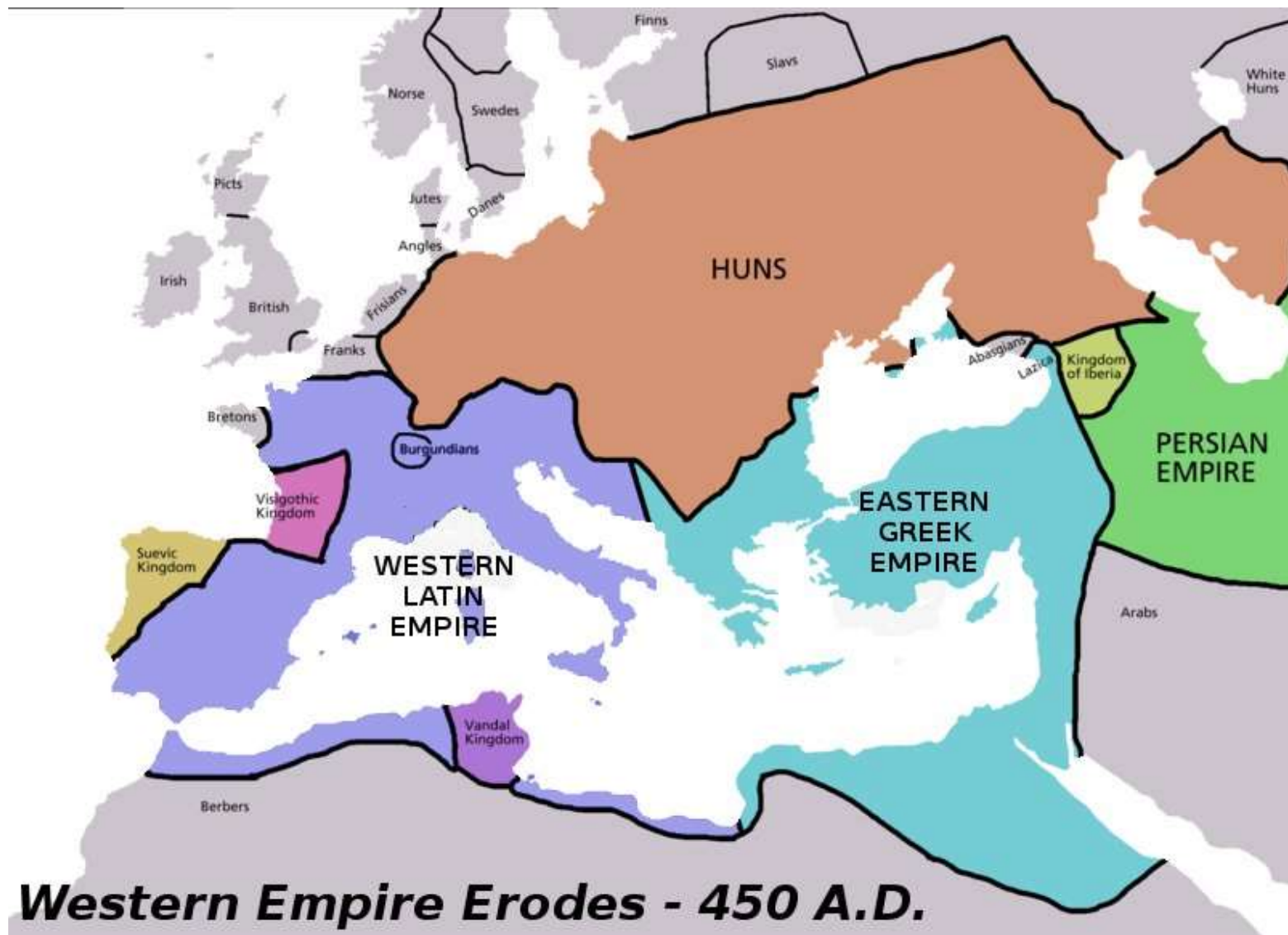
DIVIDED
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And in the
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Roman Empire Divided - 395 A.D.





Western Empire Gone - 530 A.D.



Justinian Expansion - 533-565 A.D.



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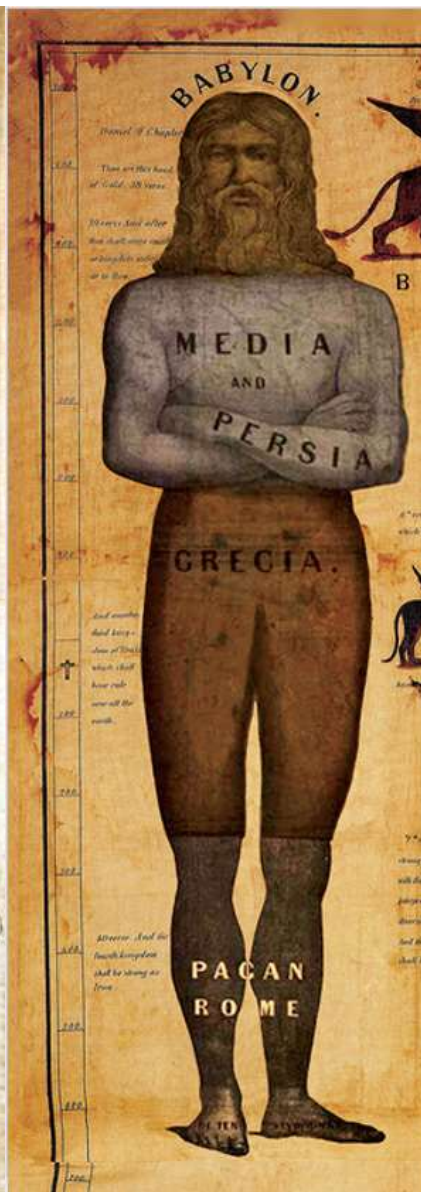
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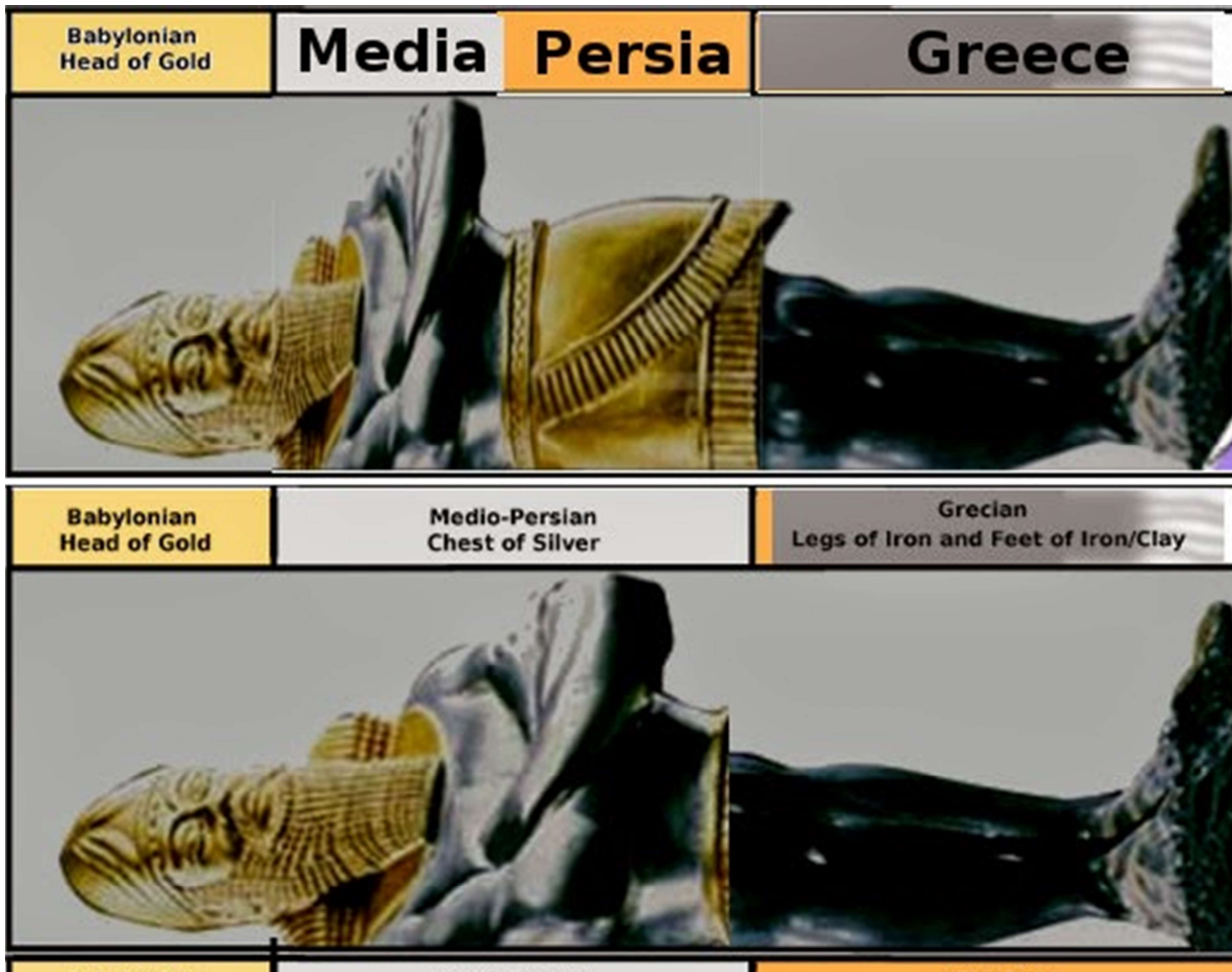
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Version:
Dwarf-boy**

**Porphyry's
Version:
Emperor
No-Pants
234 - 305 A.D.**



**Modern
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Antichrist is PAST

Preterist View
Amillennial View



"ten horns"	Augustus Caligula Claudius Galba Nero	Otho Tiberius Titus Vespasian Vitellius	Jesus "stone"
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Modern
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Domitian
"little horn"

← "wound" "healed"
→ 1,260 days
← "destroyed"



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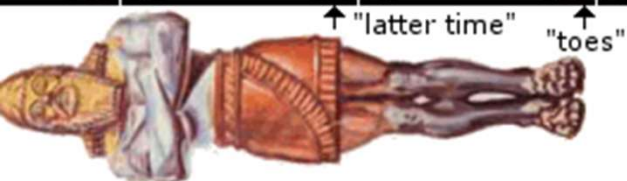
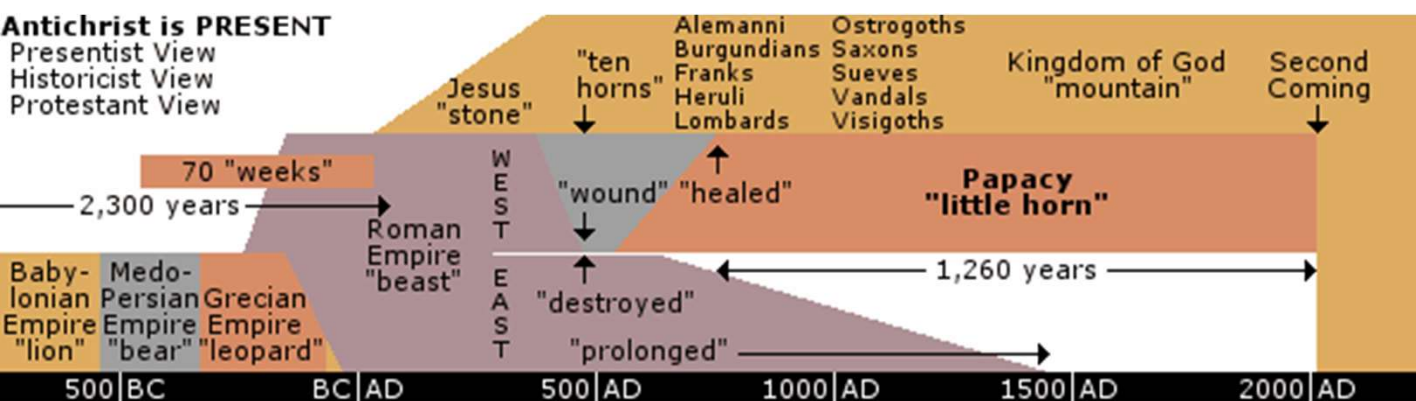
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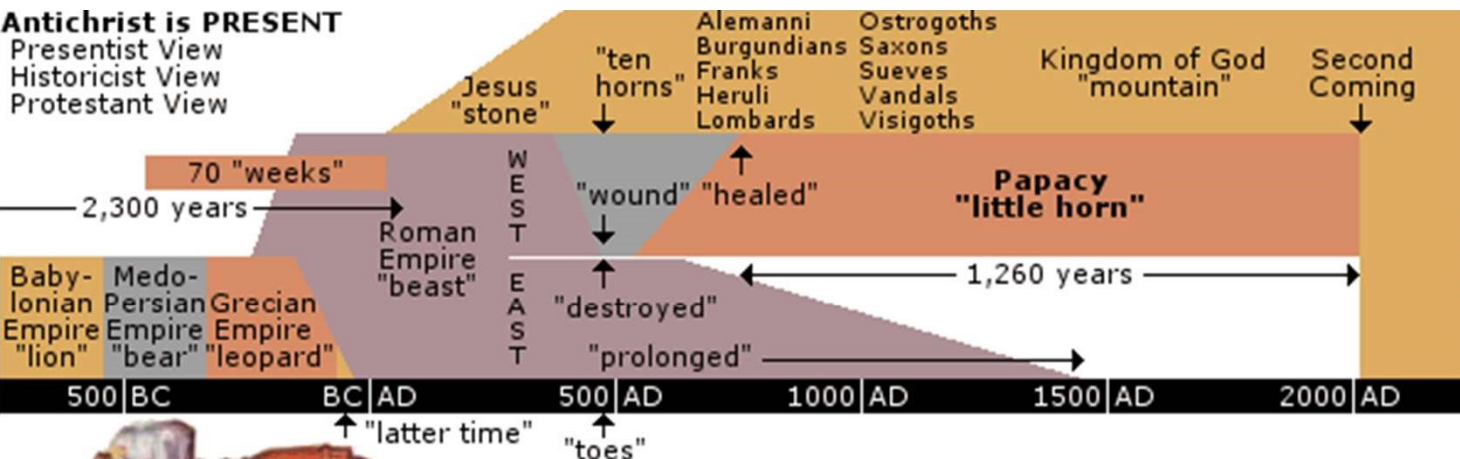
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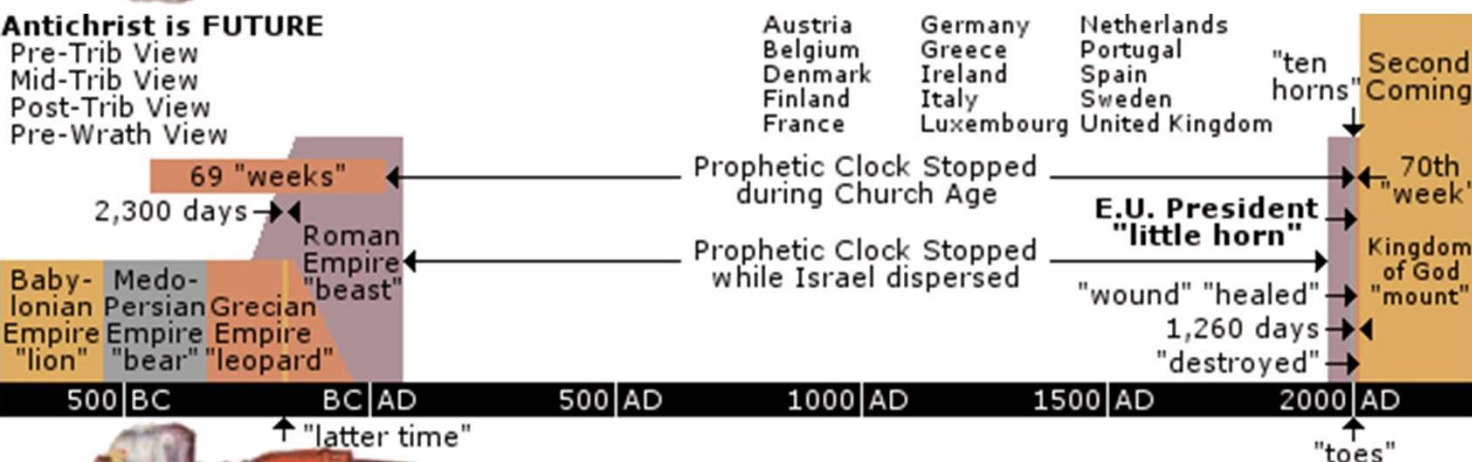
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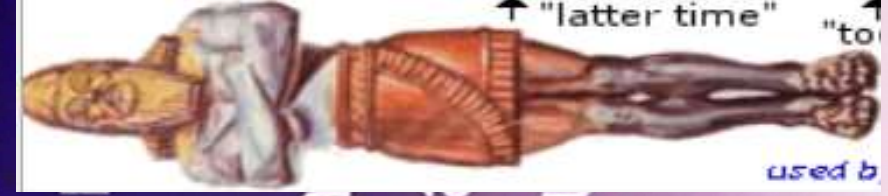
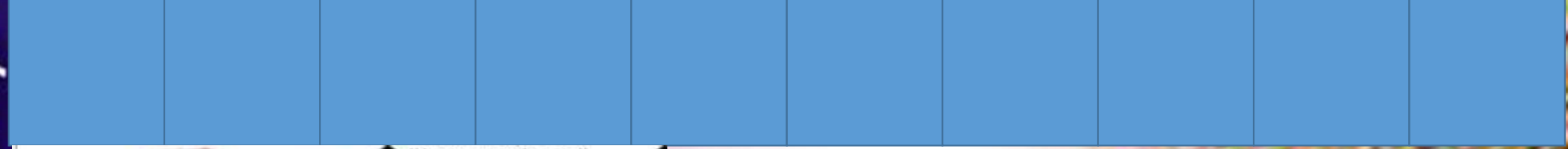
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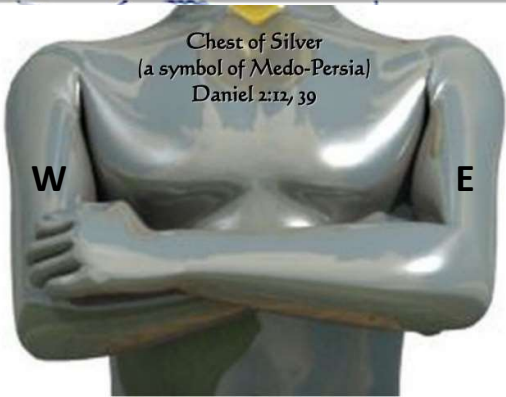
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Daniel 2
The Great Image,
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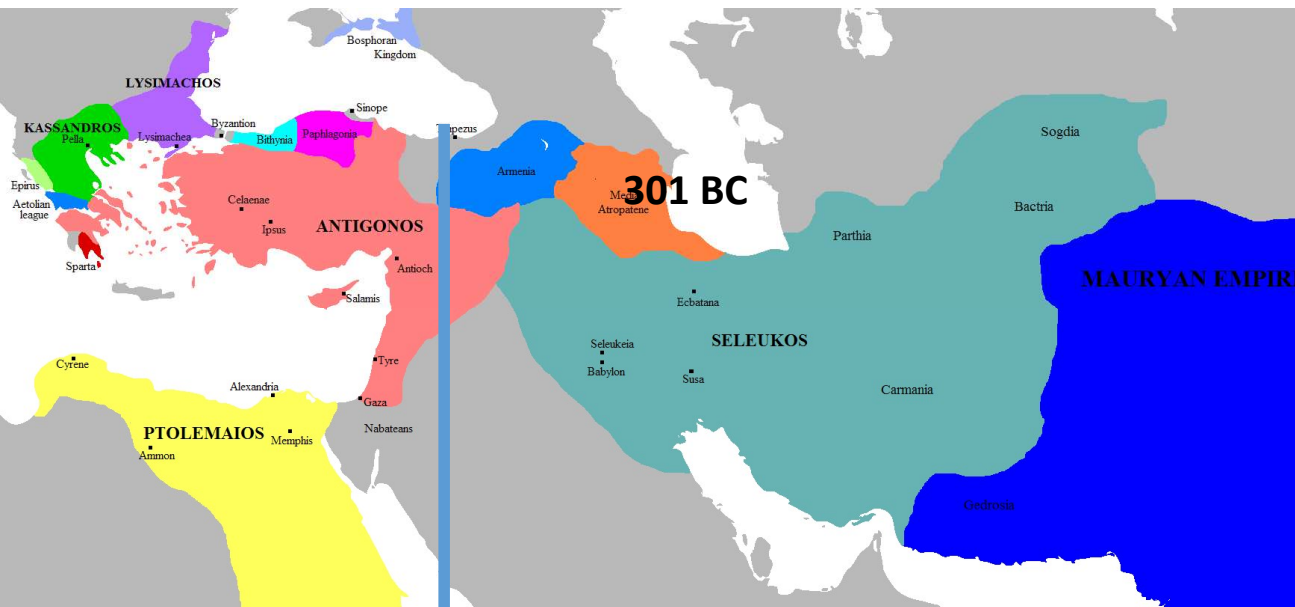


The Head of Gold
(a symbol of Babylon)
Daniel 2:32, 37-38





E/W SPLIT OF GREEK EMPIRE



Middle and
Thighs of Brass
(a symbol of
Greece)
Daniel 2:32, 39

Rome only conquered Western Greek Empire



Rome never conquered Eastern Greek Empire



Legs of Iron
(a symbol of
Rome)
Daniel 2:33, 40

WEST

EAST

Roman

vs Parthia

Byzantine

vs Sassanid

Byzantine

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Holy Roman

vs Ottoman

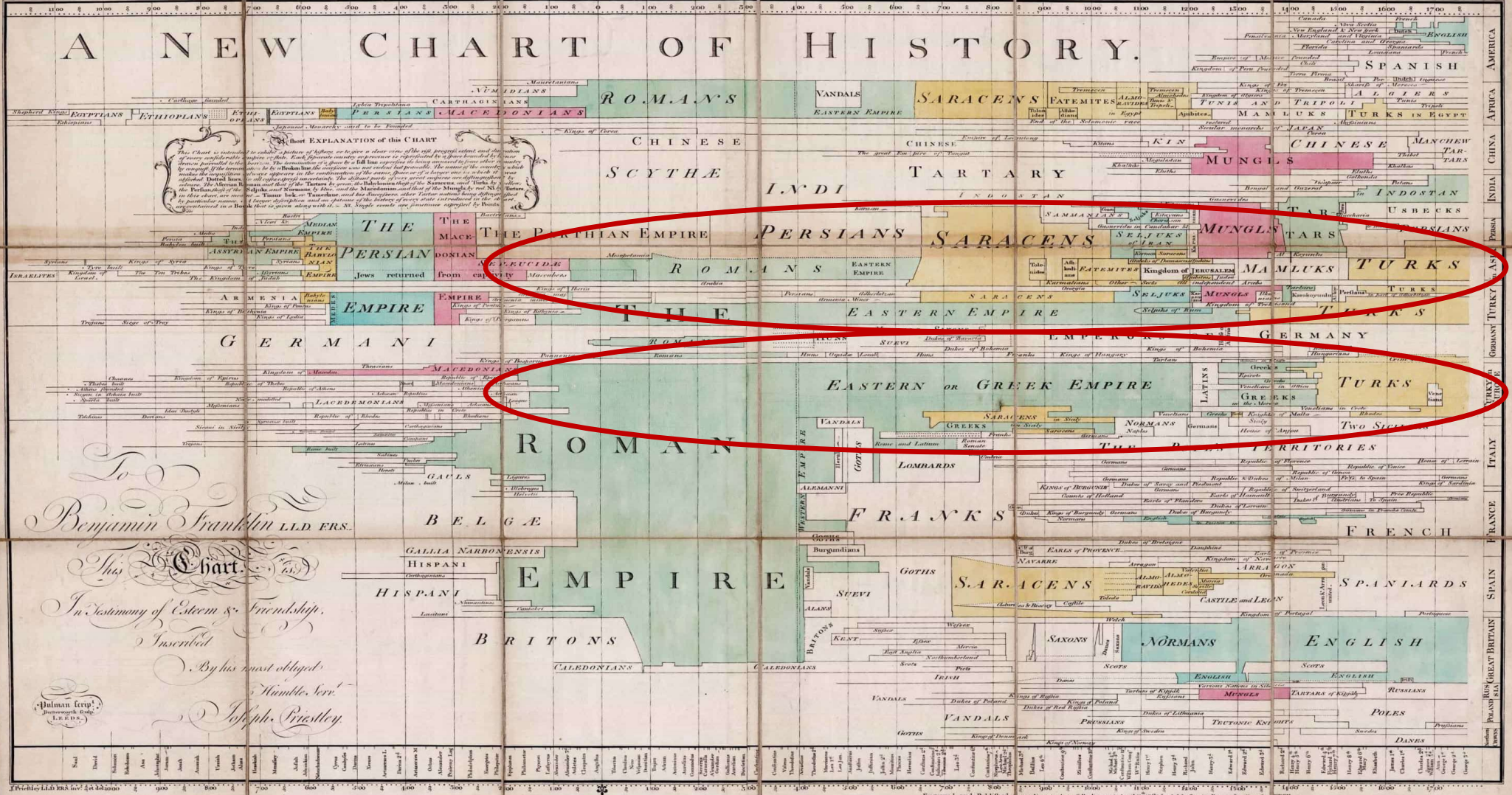
Collapse of Ottoman/Russian
empires/German Empires between
1917-1920

Alman in latrum indusque scriptis
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A NEW CHART OF HISTORY.

Short EXPLANATION of this CHART
This Chart is intended to exhibit a plain view of the progress of nations and the extent of their empire or dominion, from the beginning of the Christian era to the present time. It is divided into three parts, the first of which contains the names of the nations and empires, the second the names of the kings and emperors, and the third the names of the cities and towns. The nations and empires are colored in different shades, and the kings and emperors are marked with different symbols. The cities and towns are marked with dots and labeled with their names. The chart is designed to be a useful and interesting reference for the study of history.

Benjamin Franklin LLD ERS.
This Chart
In testimony of Esteem & Friendship,
Inscribed
By his most obliged
Humble Serv^t
Joseph Priestley



Successor to the Holy Roman Empire [edit]

The [Carolingian Empire](#) has been claimed to have deliberately sought to revive the Roman Empire in the West.^[15] According to early [German nationalism](#), the Carolingian Empire transformed into the [Holy Roman Empire](#) as a continuation of the [Western Roman Empire](#).^[15] In 800, the title of [Emperor of the Romans](#) was granted to [Charlemagne](#) by [Pope Leo III](#). The word "holy" (often retroactively applied to all emperors since Charlemagne) was added under the reign of emperor [Frederick I Barbarossa](#) in 1157.^[16]

German claims [edit]

Later the [German Empire](#) in 1871 also claimed to be the Third Rome, also through lineage of the HRE.^{[17][18]} The title for emperors of the Holy Roman Empire, the Austrian Empire and the German Empire was *[Kaiser](#)* (derived from Latin Caesar), the German word for emperor.

Claims by the German Empire of 1871 to 1918 of being a "Third Rome" have been criticized because the German Empire was led by a Protestant ruler and no concordat had been achieved with the [Catholic Church](#), which was a major driver of Roman expansionism in the West.^[18]

[Nazi Germany](#) used the term *Drittes Reich* (meaning "Third Realm" or "Third Empire"), as successor of the first realm (HRE) and the second realm (the German Empire). In 1939, however, in a circular not intended for publication, further use of the term "Third Reich" was prohibited.^[19]



Austrian Empire

German Empire

Both claimed to be the heir of the Holy Roman Empire.



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Edit links

Successors of the Roman Empire pre-1453 [edit]

See also: *Holy Roman Empire*

The Holy Roman Empire was established as a competitor to the Byzantines in the east, due to their appointment of a woman as Empress.^[*citation needed*]

Russian claims [edit]

Main article: *Moscow, third Rome*



Coat of arms of the Russian Empire ↗
with the [double-headed eagle](#), formerly associated with the Byzantine Empire

See also: *The Tale of the Princes of Vladimir*

Known as a theological and a political concept "Moscow is the Third Rome", it was formulated in the 15th–16th centuries in the [Grand Duchy of Moscow](#).^[3] In the concept there could be traced three interrelated and interpenetrating fields of ideas: a) theology that is linked with justification of necessity and inevitability in unity of [Eastern Orthodox Church](#); b) social politics that are derived out of the feeling of unity in [East Slavic](#) territories being historically tied through Christian Orthodox faith and Slavic culture; c) state doctrine, according to which the Moscow Prince should act as a supreme sovereign (Sovereign and legislator) of Christian Orthodox nations and become a defender of the Christian Orthodox Church. Herewith the Church should facilitate the Sovereign in execution of his function supposedly determined by God, the autocratic administration.^[3]

Within decades after the [capture of Constantinople](#) by [Mehmed II](#) of the [Ottoman Empire](#) on 29 May 1453, some Eastern Orthodox people were nominating [Moscow](#) as the "Third Rome", or the



Symbol of the [Palaiologos](#) dynasty ↗

Ottoman Empire [\[edit \]](#)

In the [Middle East](#), the Persians and the Arabs continued to refer to the Roman and Byzantine emperors as "Caesar" (in [Persian](#): قیصر روم *Qaysar-i Rûm*, "Caesar of [Rûm](#)", from [Middle Persian](#) *kēsar*). Thus, following the [conquest of Constantinople](#) in 1453, the victorious [Ottoman sultan Mehmed II](#) became the first of the rulers of the [Ottoman Empire](#) to assume the title "Caesar of the Roman Empire" ([Ottoman Turkish](#): قیصر روم *Kayser-i Rûm*).





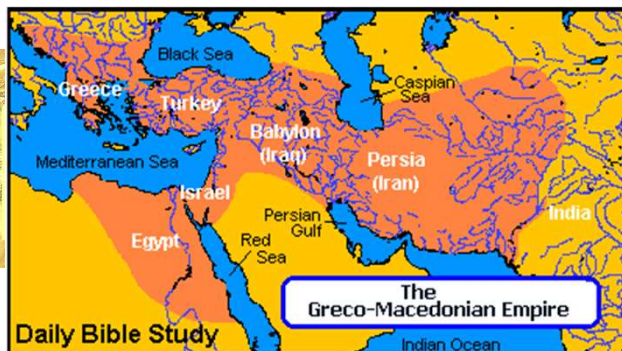
EUROPE & THE NEAR EAST, EARLY DECEMBER 1915



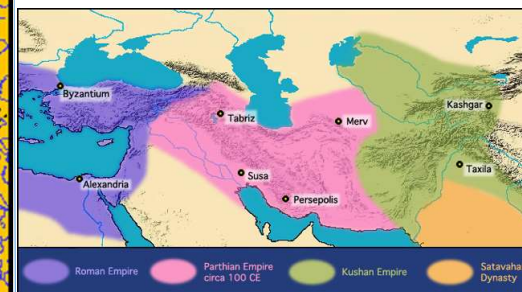
546-456 BC
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47 BC-1918 BC
"Kings of the EAST"

"that which restraineth"

"Roman" Empire - WEST

1918-Present
"one hour with the Beast"
"When that which now
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THE RESTRAINER

- 2Thess 2:⁶ And you know what is **restraining** him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now **restrains** it will do so until he is out of the way.

Tertullian, *Apologia* 32 [AD 197]

- “We Christians are under a particular necessity of praying for the emperors, and for the continued state of the Empire; because we know that dreadful power which hangs over the whole world, is **restrained** by the continuance of the time appointed for the Roman Empire.”

Tertullian, *On the Resurrection of the Flesh*, 24

- *For the mystery of iniquity is already at work: only he who now restrains, must restrain, until he be taken out of the midst---*
- what is this but **the Roman state**, whose disruption, being dispersed among ten kings, will bring in Antichrist?

Cyril of Jerusalem (318-386 A. D.)

- “But this aforesaid Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman Empire shall have been fulfilled, and the end of the world is drawing near.”
- (*Catechetical Lectures*,” section 15, on II Thessalonians 2:4; Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, vol. VII, p. 108 [New York: The Christian Literature Company, 1895]).

St CHRYSOSTOM, *Homily 4 on 2 Thessalonians*

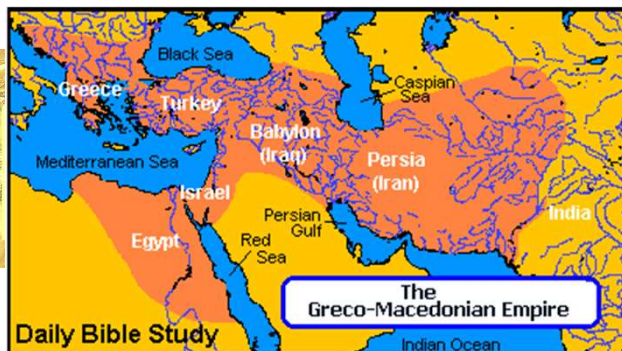
- So indeed he also says here. “*Only there is **one that restrains** now, until it be taken out of the way*” [2Thess 2:7], **that is**, when **the Roman empire** is taken out of the way, then he shall come. And naturally. For as long as the fear of this empire lasts, no one will willingly exalt himself, but when that is dissolved, he will attack the anarchy, and endeavor to seize upon the government both of man and of God.



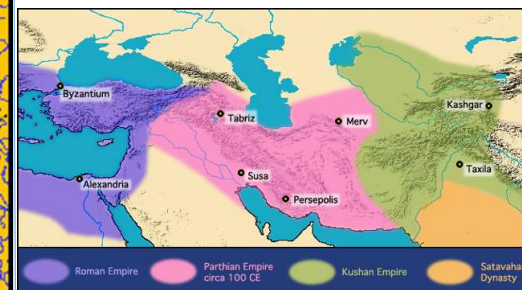
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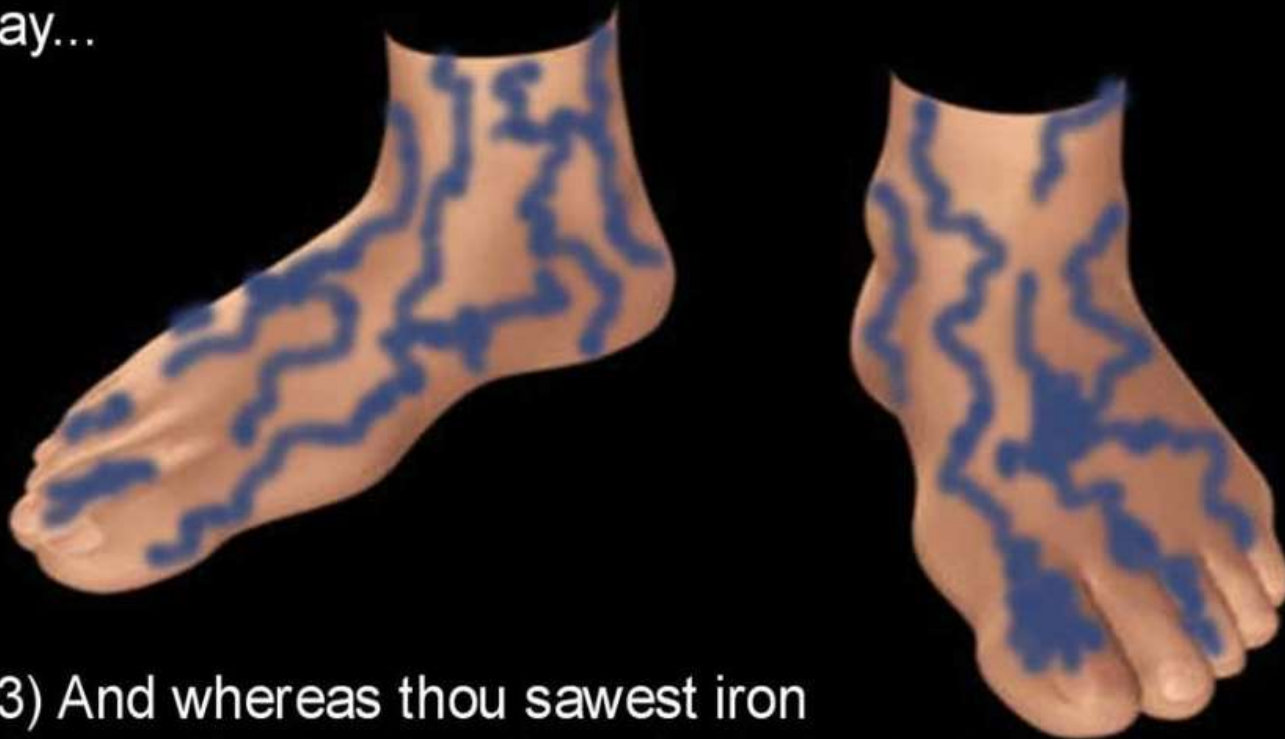
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41) And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron...

42) And as the toes of the feet were part iron, and part clay...

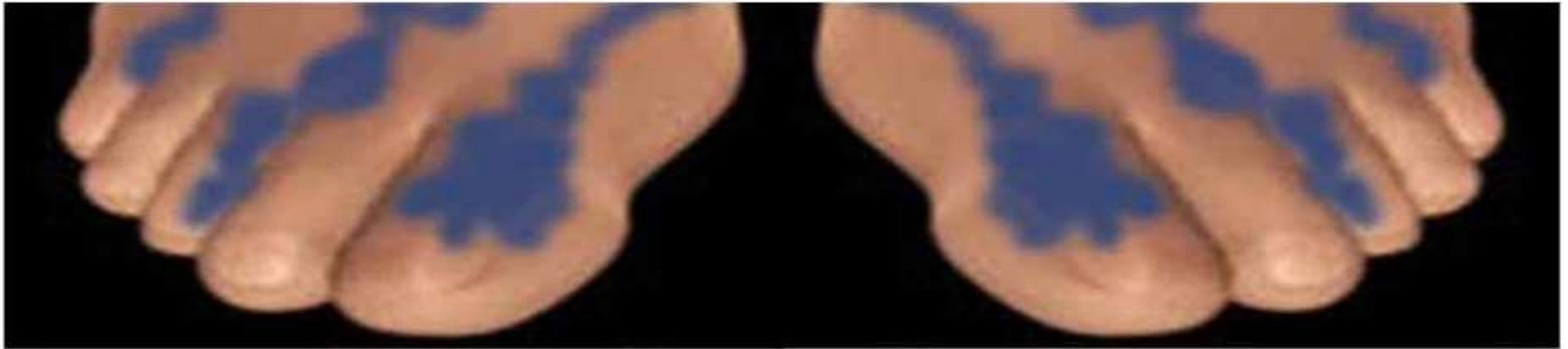


43) And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another even as iron is not mixed with clay

The words **MIXED** and **MINGLE** in Daniel 2:43, were translated from the Aramaic word:
ARAB: (Strong's # 6151)



Daniel 2:42 *And as the toes of the feet were part of *iron*, and part of *clay*...*



The 10 toes of the metallic man image in Daniel 2, are 10 Islamic countries that surround Israel (Psalm 83).

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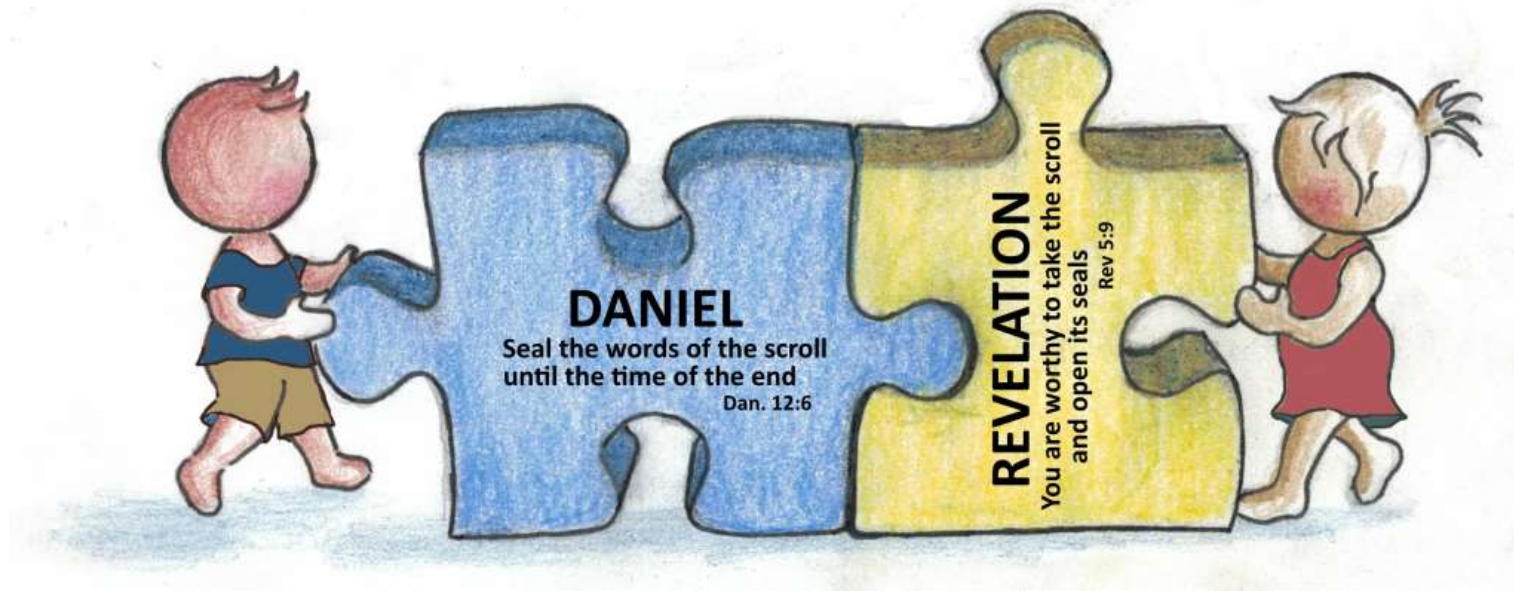
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- **Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people - it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**

- “I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I beheld even till the beast was slain [the LAST beast of the end time], and his body destroyed, and given to the burning. As concerning the rest of the beasts [the other three, Babylon, Persia, Javan], they had their dominion taken away [back in the 6th, 5th, and 4th centuries B.C.]: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.”
- *Daniel 7:11–12*
- It means that these first four beasts will be prolonged and preserved until the time of the end. We will see a revival in power of Babylon, of Persia, of Greece — and of Turko/Syria and Egypt — before the Second Coming of Christ.

- WHERE – WHEN – HOW DOES CYRUS & IRAN FIT INTO THESE END-TIME EVENTS?
- WHERE – WHEN – HOW DOES CYRUS ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR HIM TO FULFILL?

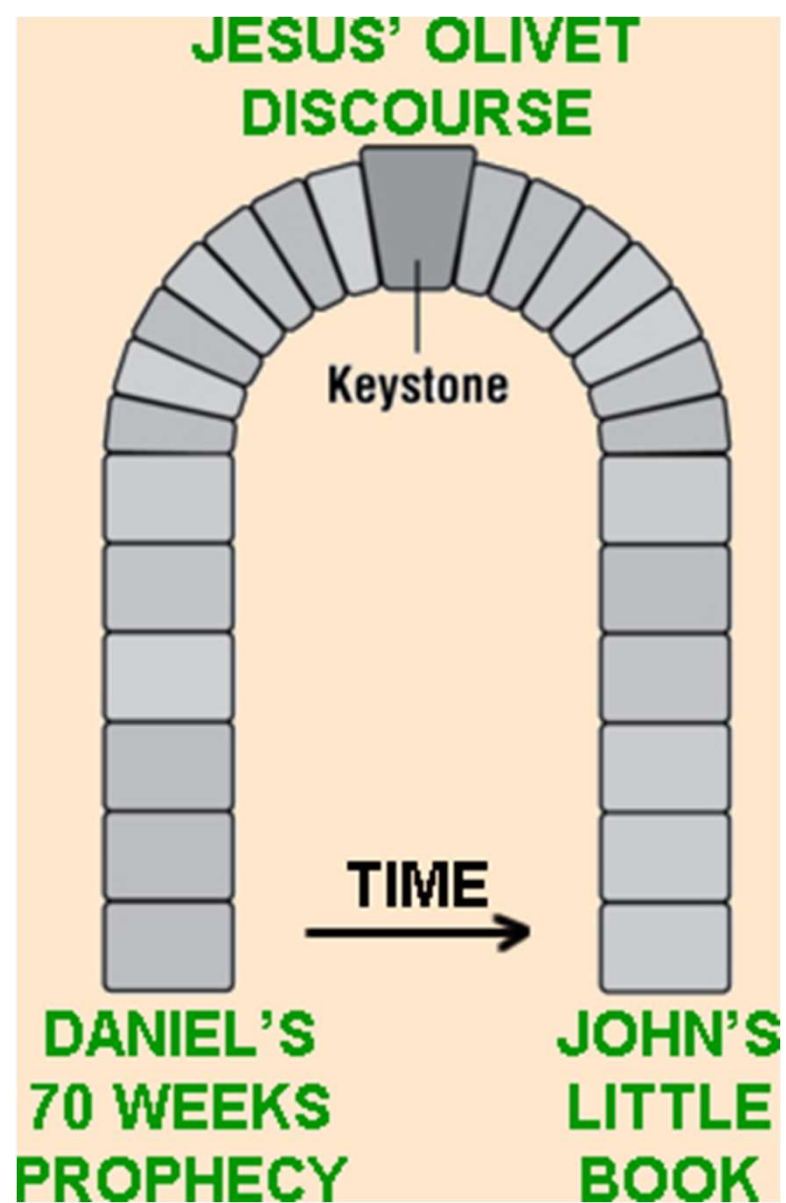


DANIEL

Seal the words of the scroll
until the time of the end
Dan. 12:6

REVELATION

You are worthy to take the scroll
and open its seals
Rev 5:9



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“...he crossed the Tigris and entered Ctesiphon. When he had taken possession of this place he was saluted emperor and established his right to the title of *Parthicus*.” *Cassius Dio, AD 200*

